New Kiwanis Families for the month of October:

Kiwanis Club of the Short North —Sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs of Columbus, and, I-Next
Philo High School Key Club—Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Zanesville
Roberts Middle School Builders Club—Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Cuyahoga Falls
Hoffman Trails Elementary School K-Kids—Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Hilliard

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

Our theme and vision this year is “Growing Great Clubs”, #growinggreatclubs. And WOW we are doing it!! Our goal was to add 157 new members in October and we exceeded our goal by adding 174 members. Yes, we did add a new club, Short North Columbus that accounted for 16 of those new members. That means that through YOUR efforts in existing clubs we still exceeded our new member add goals in October. Throughout Kiwanis International North America, there were only 6 districts that exceeded their October goal, and we were #1 in goal attainment. Your efforts in growing your clubs proves to me that our Ohio District is the GREAT Ohio District. Thank you!!

Our dedicated membership team of Dan Litzinger, Dave Gallit, Jim Cowardin and Dave Wiebel opened and completed all the paperwork needed to add Short North Columbus as our 220th Kiwanis Club. Only one other district – the New York District added and completed the process in adding a new club. The New York District is also in the process of completing the paperwork necessary to add a second club. And we are not far behind as I expect that through the efforts of Bob Day, Jack Hilborn and Rick Ulmes we will open and complete the paperwork necessary for the opening of another club in Kenton in November.

In addition to adding traditional Kiwanis Clubs, we have also added Circle K, Builders and K-Kids Clubs in October.

I have received wonderful warmth and welcome during my Governor’s visits to Divisions 22, 26 and 1N and the Brook Park and Seneca County Charter Parties. You have shown me why Kiwanis is the premier service organization, always improving the lives and opportunities for children in Ohio.

As you continue to grow your great clubs, I will continue to celebrate all that you are doing as Kiwanians.

Yours in Kiwanis Service
Governor Faith

Governor Faith Levine
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Kiwanis Leaders or Community Leaders?

I believe one of our biggest issues impacting membership in our clubs is that we are more focused on being Kiwanis leaders instead of community leaders. By this I mean we spend more time and energy on events and meetings revolving around our “Kiwanis Leadership titles” and not spending time being leaders in our communities by being engaged in the local Chamber of Commerce, meeting with representatives from our local school district, developing meaningful partnerships with other civic and non-profit organizations in our communities. There is much more to be gained by being “players” in our local communities than “players” in Kiwanis.

Is your Kiwanis club considered a “player” in your community? If your answer is “yes” to that question than your club is probably a community leader. If your answer is “no” then what do you need to start doing to become a community leader? One of the best ways to become engaged as a community leader is join your local chamber of commerce or business development association and become an active member. Being active means having a representative from your club at the meetings and events of the chamber/business association.

I am going to share an example of how this actually helps grow your Kiwanis club. The Kiwanis Club of Hilliard joined the Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce last year. As a member of the Hilliard Kiwanis club I attended some of the Chamber meetings and events to represent the club. At a chamber breakfast event I sat next to the owner of a tutoring center, Kristy and we immediately connected because of both of our organization’s focus on children. That initial conversation at the chamber breakfast lead to the tutoring center joining our Kiwanis club as a corporate member with the owner, Kristy as the representative in June. Since then Kristy lead the effort to charter our second K-Kids club at Hilliard Hoffman Trails Elementary School. As result of that effort, she sponsored two new members into our club.

If your club wants to be GREAT one of the ways to do it is by focusing on being community leaders.

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**2018-19 Ohio District Directories** are for sale now. They are available for $5.00 each and contain valuable information useful to our Kiwanis clubs.

To obtain a **HARD COPY**, please mail $5 check payable to Ohio District Kiwanis, 941 Chatham Lane, Suite 326, Columbus, OH 43221, with mailing instructions. Directories will be mailed as quickly as we can print them.

If you want a **free electronic version** (PDF) of the directory—please send a request to Sarah@OhioKiwanis.org.

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**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: **executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org**. We will use them as space allows.
Bellevue Beautifies Hydrants

Kiwanian and Mayor of Bellevue, Kevin Strecker noticed there were many fire hydrants in need of painting and maintenance in his town. So, he took it upon himself to start painting the hydrants in his community. Citizens of Bellevue joined in and started painting the hydrants in their neighborhoods, many quite creatively and with multiple themes.

The Kiwanis Club of Bellevue was granted the opportunity and clearance from the mayor to paint one with a “Kiwanis” theme. The hydrant is sporting a shiny new coat of blue, gold and white and is now sporting the word “Kiwanis” and of course, the recognizable “K”.

Chris Walter, Ohio On to International Convention Chair, poses with the club’s handy work.

Plan ahead for chilly weather. Order your Kiwanis jacket now!

Our partnership with A+ Images allows us to have the opportunity to purchase wonderful Kiwanis apparel at an affordable price. A+ Images is the exclusive supplier of Ohio District Kiwanis shirts, and they have been providing apparel for sale at our district events for years. They have a wide selection of apparel that can be customized for your club or for individuals.

Explore this partnership with the Ohio District Kiwanis and ordering a comfy fleece jacket, or golf shirt for your winter-get away. A wide array of styles are available. Visit, Ohio Kiwanis Partnerships for additional information.
Greetings fellow Kiwanians: Did you know?—that one of the best kept secrets in Kiwanis is the insurance program protecting all Kiwanians, clubs, Service Leadership Programs, foundations, and even volunteers that work with Kiwanis on a service and/or fund raising projects. A portion of your dues goes to pay for this important insurance protection—in other words, the insurance protection is a real “perk” of being affiliated with an international organization.

For example, the basic Kiwanis liability policy provides up to $2 million of protection per any one occurrence. In addition to Bodily Injury and/or Property Damage, this same limit applies to both liquor liability AND sexual misconduct liability. I have been in the insurance business for over 44 years and I can tell all of you honestly that most carriers, if they would even write sexual misconduct liability protection, will only provide such coverage up to a $300,000 or maybe a $500,000 limit. We have a $2 million limit of this protection—pretty extraordinary and kudos to the KI staff for negotiating this protection via our insurance broker, the Hylant Group out of Indianapolis.

Please, having this protection by no means is a license for all of us to “drop our guard,” so to speak. Dealing with our SLP groups, for example, affords a great exposure to our organization. This is but one reason why all those Kiwanians who work with our SLP’s need background checks. It’s not a reflection on any one individual, but rather it just makes good common sense. Using good judgment is simply a key to all of our endeavors. Your club secretary should be able to arrange for background checks via Kiwanis. Finally, I am available to speak on the Kiwanis Insurance program to any and all divisions across the Ohio District. I have spoken to a few over the years, but many divisions remain. Please—if you are a current Lt. Governor and are looking for a program for a division council meeting, please contact me at my office—740-369-9641 or via my email—hilborn@midohio.net. Thank you.

The Interclub and Fellowship Contest has been modified to more obtainable levels, and, for this year, the addition of the 4-H clover banner patch.

I invite all our clubs to support Governor Levine's 4-H project and to experience the joy and understanding of all 4-H has to offer our youth today. All 88 counties in Ohio have multiple 4-H clubs. Each club is encouraged to earn a special clover patch for your Kiwanis club banner by hosting a local 4-H club meeting, joining in a project or fundraiser. It's amazing how quickly 4,000 Easter eggs can get stuffed and hid, or a park cleaned up with 30 eager students joining in.

Further, sadly many of our youth today are unaware of the good work Kiwanis performs for our communities and the benefits of belonging to a K-Family club. Many of the kids will be seeking new adventures as they age out of 4-H and becoming adults. Reach out to the local 4-H clubs and have a member speak about Kiwanis as a service opportunity. You just may find a future member.

A blue level banner patch will be awarded to any club who inter-clubs with five clubs within your division and one division council meeting.

A silver level banner patch will be awarded to those clubs who interclub with five clubs within your division, interclub for two projects or fundraiser, interclub at two division council meetings and interclub at one district event.

A gold level banner patch will be awarded to any club who inter-clubs with five clubs within their division, interclub at each division council meetings during the year, interclub at district convention AND Midyear Education Day, and interclub at International convention.

Remember your Lt. Governor, district and international officers can count towards your interclub member number, but only one person from this list can be used. Further, ALL K-family meetings, projects, fundraisers or social events count towards an interclub credit, including Key Leader and Internet Club meetings.
A-B-C-D-E-F-G – Go Ahead And Play With Our Kiwanis Alphabet SOUP – SLPs!

We all remember our moms admonishing us when we were growing up, “Don’t play with your food!” But, honestly, how can one NOT do that if you have a bowl of alphabet soup in front of you. As adults, Kiwanis gives us lots of opportunities “to play” with an alphabetical assortment better known as SLPs. The letters commonly used to identify our Service Leadership Program alone entice us to roll up our sleeves and get involved – that is, get involved with K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle-K, Aktion Club and Key Leader! The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation provides many opportunities for all Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians to get involved, even if their clubs do not sponsor an SLP.

Many Ohio District Kiwanis Clubs support one or more SLP programs, but for one reason or another, there are many clubs who do not have the opportunity to work with a Key Club or one of our other SLP Programs. Have no fear – everyone can get to play with our SLP mix of initiatives! Whether your club already sponsors an SLP or you belong to a club that does not, ODKF has options for you to get involved.

Why not log onto the ODKF website (odkf.org) and look into supporting the K.I.C.K. (Kiwanis Investing in Circle K) program! This is one of the initiatives sponsored by ODKF to help support the educational activities of our Ohio District Circle K. Likewise, we have a similar program to help support our Ohio District Key Club – OKCLDF (Ohio Key Club Leadership Development Fund) – and even one to help support Key Leader and Aktion Club. These initiatives are designed to help our Ohio District SLPs with their educational and leadership programs. By making a donation online at the ODKF website to one of these initiatives, you are helping build tomorrow’s leaders. Likewise, clubs without an SLP can make donations to any one of these initiatives and that will provide them with the involvement in an SLP which often is one of the criteria to become a distinguished club.

Another way to get involved with one of our Ohio District SLPs is to donate to one of the two scholarship funds the Foundation has set up – one for Key Club and one for Circle K. These scholarships are funded through ODKF and with recommendations from the scholarship committees for the Ohio Key Club and Circle K scholarships are awarded every year. A minimum of $1000 is awarded every year to a deserving recipient from each SLP, but with more donations from members like YOU (remember, every Ohio District Kiwanian is a Foundation member) we can award multiple scholarships to Key Club and Circle K.

Kiwanians and Kiwanis Clubs make a difference in our communities and in the lives of children. Let the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation help you roll up your sleeves and get involved in one of our fantastic Service Leadership Programs today. Log-on to odkf.org and get started today!

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Members of the Fairfield Union Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Kiwanis Club of Lancaster decorated and delivered pumpkins to the Homestead Center care facility in Lancaster during their annual fair break. Residents of the care facility enjoyed the cheerful and creative decorations.
Did You Know? Our Kiwanis History

The father of our Kiwanis family, Allen Simpson Browne was authorized to recruit members and would be allowed to keep the $5 application fee. A constitution was adopted in January of 1915. However, a group of men believed that if the club was to succeed, it needed to offer community service. Browne didn’t agree. He left the Detroit club and headed to Cleveland, Ohio to start fresh. For him, business networking made dollars, and sense. His mistake was not believing the people he recruited could be sold on Kiwanis from a service to community, nation, and world. The Kiwanis Club of Cleveland, Ohio No. 2 was organized on October 19, 1915.

Browne, then hired men to organize clubs in Boston, Rochester New York, New York City, and he went to Pittsburgh. By the end of 1916, thirty Kiwanis Clubs were organized in the United States: 3 in Michigan, 8 in Ohio, 2 in Pennsylvania, 8 in New York 3 in Indiana, 2 in Illinois and 1 each in Connecticut, Wisconsin, Kentucky and Massachusetts.

Plans soon began for a national organization. On January 19, 1917, the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario was chartered making it “the club that made Kiwanis International”.

There was much unrest concerning charter delays, whether the corporation could legally form clubs outside Ohio, and the clubs’ purpose. A convention was planned with the first one to be held in Cleveland on May 18, 1916. At this convention, the original draft of a constitution for an international Kiwanis organization was adopted. George F. Hixson of Rochester, New York was elected as the first President of the National Kiwanis Organization. (He is the ONLY International President who served two terms, he had also not served as a club president prior to election).

Through the next three years, there were many disagreements with Browne. On May 20, 1919 the 4th Kiwanis Convention opened in Birmingham, Alabama. The primary focus was Browne’s contract. After hours of negotiation, Browne agreed to sell his contract for $17,500 in “cold cash”. In less than twenty minutes, the delegates approved all measurers without a dissenting vote and collected enough checks and cash to buy Browne’s contract. The 1919 Birmingham Convention would be forever known as the “cradle of Kiwanis Rebirth”. Information taken from “The Kiwanis Legacy-Building Communities” by Chuck Jonak.

The first 10 clubs in Ohio who have celebrated 100th Anniversary: Cleveland 10/19/15, Columbus 3/4/16, Cincinnati 5/15/16, Dayton 6/2/16, Canton 6/21/16, Toledo 7/11/16, Youngstown 7/29/16, Delaware 6/10/18, Akron 8/28/18 and Newark 9/14/18.

New Albany Key Club Members Clean Up with Service

Members of the New Albany Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Albany, participated in a dog wash fundraiser with Mutts and Co. Members learned proper dog washing techniques and trained staff and then spent the afternoon bathing a wide range of dogs. The dog wash was $15 per dog and the Key Club members donated their share of the proceeds to UNICEF.

Later that week, members of the Key Club traveled to the Huckleberry House, a haven for teenagers in difficult situations, to assist with cleaning of common and service areas.

The members of the New Albany Key Club maintain a very busy schedule for fund raising for various charities and providing hands-on service to their community.
Love it. Live it. Share it. While this was the tagline from The Formula, which has officially ended as a Kiwanis International sponsored program, its meaning is just as relevant now as it was at the beginning of the program. As we move forward with our own individual districts’ membership effort, we would still encourage you to use this motto in helping to grow great clubs in Ohio.

So where do we go, or grow, from here?

Well, your District membership team is here to help each and every club however we can. Fully understanding that each club presents a unique situation when it comes to attracting and retaining members, our approach will be more focused to individual club attention. We have over 50 trained club coaches in Ohio who already are, or are willing, to assist clubs with ideas and resources. If you would like to discuss having a club coach, please contact me directly.

Club coaches will also assist clubs in developing a strategic plan of action, as well as understanding of the Hedgehog concept as developed by Jim Collins in Good to Great. Knowing what your club is passionate about, what you can be the best in the world at, and what drives your economic engine, these fundamentals help in creating a plan for your club to go from good to great.

Also this year, we are implementing a new membership challenge. However, unlike previous contests that focused on division growth, The ASK CHALLENGE supports an individual member with six unique challenges to ask others to join Kiwanis. At the 2019 DCON we will award a few Kiwanis store gift cards to winners pulled at random from all entries received. Please see the flyer in the bulletin with more details, and print a few copies out to hand out at your club meetings.

To print copies of the Ask Challenge, click here: ASK CHALLENGE
Builders Club Contests 2018-2019

Add more fun to your members Builders club experience.

Choose one or all of the following contests to participate in:


Due May 1, 2019: Annual Achievement Award, Kiwanis Children’s Fund Leadership Award, Distinguished Club Officers, Distinguished Advisor, Best Scrapbook

To learn more, watch for contest announcements in the monthly Builders Club e-newsletter sent to advisors August through May. Follow these contests on Facebook and Twitter to see winning submissions and receive more updates.

Fees: Kiwanis Clubs wishing to sponsor a Builders Club, please note that the information on fees to Charter a Builders Club is $600. You can save two hundred dollars by not purchasing the club banner right away. Please note that the banner KI is selling to Builders Clubs is made of vinyl not felt. It’s also great if your club can budget the $180 @ year to renew the club’s charter. This allows the clubs to use any funds they raise on service projects.

Updates: Builders Club week is March 18-22, 2019. If your club is planning to participate, RSVP to Kiwanis/Builders Club Facebook event to raise greater awareness of service by Builders Clubs. If you go to Builders Club week you will find a theme for each day of Builders club Week. These can be downloaded from BuildersClub.org

The Results are in!

Each year, Aktion Clubs participate in contests at the Ohio District level. Most of the contests are judged at the Aktion Club District Convention. Nervous Aktion Club members share their prepared speeches for the Speech Contest. Clubs prepare Scrapbooks to show their year of service and fellowship. Members put their talents to work through the Poster and T-shirt Contests. The 2017-18 theme was “Ability in Aktion.” Members were encouraged to show their abilities in Aktion by giving examples of how their Aktion Club helped them improve their ability to make a difference in the community. After these awards are judged at the Ohio Convention, the 1st place winners can be submitted to Kiwanis International for International level recognition.

New this year, was the Video Contest. Submissions were submitted directly to International. The theme was also “Ability in Aktion.” Clubs could feature any of the following in the 2 minute promotion video: images and details of the club’s service projects; clips and testimonials from club members; sponsoring agency personnel or the sponsoring Kiwanis club members on club activities and achievements; and any other fun, creative ideas the members want to include.

Ohio’s Aktion Clubs’ efforts did not go unnoticed in 2017-18. The Aktion Club of Greenville won 1st Place for their Scrapbook and the Aktion Club of Licking County won 1st Place for their Video! I am so proud of all of the contest participants and am delighted to congratulate Greenville and Licking County on their achievements!

I encourage each Aktion Club to participate in the Contests. The Scrapbook is one that can be started now. Clubs can build the scrapbook throughout the year. The theme for 2018-19 will be announced in early 2019. What is great about the Scrapbook and Video is that they can be used promotionally for the Aktion Club. Please assist your Aktion Club with Contests and encourage members to participate.
The Cleveland Kiwanis Club #2 held their organizational meeting on October 19, 1915. From day one, Cleveland #2 was an active, vibrant club hosting the First National Kiwanis Convention in 1916, the first Ohio District Convention in 1918 and the first International Convention in 1921.

In 1923, the Kiwanis Nursery School was established at University Hospitals with the club assuming all expenses, including salaries, until 1930.

William Stinchcomb, elected president in 1927, was a member until his death in 1959. He was the founder of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park System, often referred to as the “Emerald Necklace”. Today, the park system also includes the Zoo and three beaches and two marinas.

The Great Depression of the 1930’s witnessed a dramatic decline in membership, but under the leadership of key members, the club roster began to grow to include local judges and Frank Lausche, Mayor and future governor and senator.

The club sponsored Boy and Girl Scouts in the city, worked with the Kiwanis Nursery and held an annual Christmas Party at Sunny Acres Nursing Home. They also collected donations of typewriters and sewing machines for vocational training. In 1941, the club supported Cleveland Boystown as their major service project and continued to support this organization until 1971.

The 1950’s began with establishment of the Kiwanis Foundation of Cleveland under the leadership of George Buehler, who was also its largest benefactor. As a result of the many benefactors to this foundation, the club provides more than $35,000 each year for the club’s charitable projects.

The International Convention again visited Cleveland in 1955 for the 40th anniversary of Kiwanis. During this year, the club reached its highest membership ever at 275. In 1950, the Kiwanis Ladies organization was founded as a successor of the old Rainbow Sewing Bee. The 50’s also saw the beginning of the Music Carnival fund raising performances which ran from 1956 to 1974.

During the 1920’s, the Cleveland Club spread the Kiwanis experience by founding ten additional clubs in north-east Ohio. The club’s tradition of founding new clubs reached a highpoint when President Wells Ruby led the club in the establishment of the first club outside North America. In May 1963, 127 Kiwanis traveled to Vienna, Austria to establish what would be the first of hundreds of European Kiwanis Clubs.

The Cleveland Club celebrated its 50th anniversary by earning the Ohio District Achievement Award in the Gold Section. Throughout the 60’s and 70’s service programs began, some of which continue today. These include Vocational Guidance work, support of Golden Age Centers, American Field Service Law Day, support of the Cleveland Public Schools, Cleveland Playhouse and the Cleveland Metroparks. In 2017, the club donated $10,000 to the refurbishing of the Stinchcomb memorial within the Cleveland Metroparks.

Reading to young learners became a recurring “hands on project”. Members could be found on the floor of area libraries and reading to pre-school youth and presenting them with a book to take home. Kiwanians could also be found in the lower grades of the Cleveland Public Schools distributing books and encouraging lifelong reading.

Several Key Clubs were sponsored including a national championship team in robotics. Support of the International Film Festival brought thousands of Cleveland students to the festival and a unique Builder’s Club introduced city kids to the excitement of performing Broadway shows while they built confidence and learned about community service. Today, Cleveland Kiwanis sponsors a K-Kids club at Stepstone Academy and have donated $100,000 to the creation of a gymnasium, support a Builders Club at Upstage Players - who are celebrating their 25th anniversary, a Key Club at Benedictine High School and a Circle K Club at Case Western Reserve.

Submitted by:
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