Message from Governor Amy

What do you LOVE about your club? What do you Like about your club? If you could change 1 thing about your club, what would it be? As leaders, we all strive to make Kiwanis the best service organization in OUR town, city and state! We look for best practices from other clubs, for interesting and impactful services projects in our local communities, for our Service Leadership Programs to achieve their best. Over the next 3 weekends, our Kiwanis family will be coming together to do just that....First will be Circle K District Convention, followed the next weekend by Kiwanis Mid Year Education event, and the following weekend is Key Club District Leadership Conference. I invite you to come exchange ideas with the top leaders. Specifically for Mid Year, I invite you to come collect and exchange ideas with Kiwanis best leaders in the world: our own International President Sue Petrisin, International Counselor Barb Thompson, Past International President Paul Palazzolo and his daughter Past International Key Club President Maria. We will focus on the Kiwanis I-Plan this year, creating the strategic roadmap for our clubs to achieve big goals!

Why not make every aspect of your club, something that you LOVE, SHARE and LIVE every day? I look forward to seeing you one –two – or all 3 of the next 3 weekends! And make sure that your Kiwanis family is also registered for the events and with you! This is the best way to set up our organization to achieve the inspirational, impactful, image, and investment goals of the district.

If you are unable to attend the in-person events these coming weeks, we look forward to seeing you at a Webinar Wednesday educational meeting (first Wed of each month – schedule on the webpage) and the upcoming Club Leadership Education events in your local area.

See you soon!

Amy L Zimmerman
Ohio Kiwanis Governor
District Secretary’s Notes:
We are rapidly approaching our 2016 Mid-Year Education Day and registrations are coming in at a near record pace. If you have not registered, you can still do so until Noon on Tuesday, March 1st. After that date you can register on-site but we cannot guarantee that you will be able to get a ticket to lunch. Our keynote speaker at lunch will be Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin. Call the district office at (614) 848-5000, Extension 1, and Sarah will be sure to get you registered for Mid-Year.

District Website
Our district website is continually being reviewed and updated in an effort to keep material current. The latest page that has been added is a Club Billing Information page that includes information to help you understand how your club’s annual dues billing from Kiwanis International was developed. It also includes information on the New Member Enrollment Fee charged by both Kiwanis International and the Ohio District.

Charter Suspended List
As of February 18th, 17 clubs in the Ohio District are currently on Suspended Status with Kiwanis International for Non-Payment or dues or new member enrollment fees. We will be communicating directly with the Club Presidents and Club Secretaries early next month of those 17 clubs to advise them that their charter will be revoked if payment is not made by June.

Westlake Aktion Club Members... Sharing the Love.
The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club made valentines Sunday, January 31, 2015 to deliver to local nursing homes on Valentines Day. Pat Catan’s in Westlake was generous enough to provide a room and supplies for the valentine making project. Everyone had a great time and the turn out was great with 13 members, 2 advisors and 13 parents or caregivers.
2016 Midyear Education Day Registration Now Open!

You have read about it in the Kiwanis Magazine and heard numerous references to it at division meetings and club meetings, but what exactly is the I-Plan? Attendees of the Mid-Year Education Day will learn about the primary components of Inspiration, Impact, Image and Investment and how they tie in with the service we do with our clubs in our communities. Past International Kiwanis President Paul Palazzolo will be sharing the Formula as it relates to the I-Plan and the powerful changes it can bring to your club and how the community perceives Kiwanis. The luncheon Key Note Speaker will be Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin.

We are also pleased to welcome members of the Aktion Club, Key Club and Circle K to our event. Our schedule will include Hall of Fame Presentations, recognition of Distinguished Clubs, Contest Winners, and an Amtryke presentation. At 3:00 PM, The Service Fair will open with a variety of educational and informative displays available for club members to visit while enjoying treats from the Ice Cream Social sponsored by The Ohio District and Kiwanis International Foundations. Be sure to visit and you may win one of the prizes that will be given away at 4:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

CALLING ALL KIWANIANS

We are well into the New Year and efforts are in place for several new club in the Ohio District. Our teams could use help in the Columbus, Cincinnati, Springboro and Northeast areas. Do you have some spare time to spend with a dynamite group of dedicated Kiwanians to work on any of these new clubs? You might pick up a tip or two to help your club with membership, and we often find members for other local clubs while inviting these new members.

We are also still looking for more good Kiwanians to become members of The Formula team. Please stop by The Formula booth at Mid-Year. If your schedule will not allow you to be there this year, contact me at: kathleenmoylan@bellsouth.net.
Nancy McNeal  
Builders Club Chair  
musiclady46@frontier.com

I’m sure that all of our Builders Clubs are running very smoothly by this time of the year and many projects have been completed for your schools as well as your communities.

I want to congratulate all of the Kiwanis Clubs that have started new Builders Clubs this year. Thank you not only to the Kiwanis Clubs that took on the sponsorship of these clubs but also to the Kiwanis advisors for these clubs. It takes some work to get these clubs up and running and chartered, as well as the fees involved. What you have done is wonderful as these clubs also provide feeders to the Key Clubs at your high schools for the years ahead. Just think about the great leadership for all of your clubs and the future leaders of Kiwanis coming from these clubs.

I want to highlight the Canton Kiwanis Club as I had the privilege of being a part the training session for the advisors for the sponsorship of not one but three new Builders Clubs. You see, they started K-Kids clubs last year and at the end of the year those going to middle school this year asked “What’s next?” The Canton club responded with the sponsorship of three clubs. Here is the really nice part, the advisors from the schools are mostly principals and guidance counselors. So often it is the classroom teachers taking on all of these clubs.

There are also three Kiwanis advisors from the club. My purpose in telling this story is that every Kiwanis club should be able to sponsor at least one Builders club. Let’s not lose these potential leaders between K-Kids and Key Club.

If your club has a story about how you got your Builders Club started, please let me know. If I can be of any help to you and your club in starting a Builders Club, please contact me at the information below. This is why I am here. I hope to see many of you at MidYear. I will have a booth on Friday, March 4th from 3-6 p.m. If you can’t make that I will be there all day on Saturday too.

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**It’s that time....**

It’s that time of year again, we are referring of course to club election time. Each club’s bylaws (including Key Club, Circle K and Aktion Club) calls for club elections to be held in the spring, prior to June 1st.

This ensures that clubs are able to provide ample time for incoming officers to attend district and international conventions, receive education on best practices for their new role within the club and to make plans for a successful year. The time frame between election and assuming the new office also provides opportunity to “shadow” their predecessor and learn about the club’s culture and traditions for that particular office.

Club election reports are due by the first of June for Key Club, Circle K and Kiwanis. This ensures that new officers receive materials from both district and international offices in a timely manner.

Divisions should also be holding their Lt. Governor elections for the 2016-17 year and should be looking for officers for the 2017-18 year. Again, this provides the opportunity for incoming Lt. Governors to attend training, visit their clubs, plan and set goals for the upcoming year and appoint chairmen so when the new year starts, everyone is ready to serve. Divisions should let the District Office know when they elect their Lt. Governors and appoint their division secretaries.
Six Keys to Youth Protection

The following is from Jeff Eble, Youth Protection Manager, as edited from an article by Roger Slavens related to the Jerry Sandusky issue at Penn State. The keys below are to be considered as food for thought and mirror much of the Kiwanis Youth Protection program for the benefit of youth AND adults.

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1. Make protection a Prime Concern

Making a commitment to youth protection will send up a warning sign to individuals that are potential problems. It will deter such individuals from being part of the organization.

2. Give Every adult a background check on a renewable basis.

Kiwanis does require background checks to be renewed periodically. Aside from slip Kiwanis advisors, it is up to the local club to determine who gets background checked and the frequency (up to 10 years renewable) International uses a two year renewal. Obviously the more frequent and the greater number (up to all) of club members that are checked, the greater the protection level.

3. Limit or prohibit one on one interactions between students and adults.

More than 80% of abuse occurs from a one on one setting. It is always preferable to use the rule of 3’s when interacting with students. If this is not possible precautions should be taken, as example during transportation of a student, to notify the parent of departure time and arrival time to events. The rule of 3’s is not always easy, but is the best way to provide another deterrent.

4. Train people to spot red flags.

Watching out for troubled or isolated youth, watching out for inappropriate touching or over frequent hugs, lap sitting, secret gifts, etc. A rule of thumb is that if something does not look right or appears to make a child uncomfortable perhaps there is an issue. This is very difficult to determine but everyone keeping their eyes open is always beneficial.

5. Make the incident reporting process clear.

If you have set clear rules and they are not followed, they should be reported to club officers to be followed up. School officials may need to be consulted and parents should be part of the discussion and investigation process whenever appropriate.

6. Communicate your policies.

It should be known to members, parents, youth, and volunteers that Kiwanis clubs are supportive of youth programs and encourage interaction with youth. It should also be known that these are appropriate, transparent, healthy interactions and if there is not a positive image the interactions will be adjusted or eliminated in order for all the good activities to continue.
Kiwanis One Day

As clubs consider Kiwanis One Day, scheduled for April 2nd, it might be good to take a pause and examine the impact of service projects. All service is valuable, and participating in Kiwanis One Day, regardless of the type of project, provides the Kiwanis family around the world the opportunity to deliver service in their local community.

The headline story of the February 2016 Kiwanis International update caused me to reflect upon service. The story describes the efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Lumbini, Nepal, to address the needs of children affected by the massive earthquake of April 2015. Certainly the efforts of the Lumbini club are rather unique and extremely impactful. However, it does not take a major natural disaster to create the need for altruistic service.

Identifying local community needs can provide clubs with numerous service projects. Perhaps an effective component for a Kiwanis One Day event would be a discussion with representatives from local service agencies, schools and other stakeholders to identify the specific needs in your community. Those needs could then be incorporated into an implementation plan with both short and long term goals.

Kiwanis One Day is a global opportunity for all members of the Kiwanis Family to join in a day of service. The first step is to get involved. There are numerous resources available on the Kiwanis.org website. I encourage clubs to engage in this global effort. Oh, and don’t forget to let the local media know about your projects and the Kiwanis One Day program.

“Big 10” Governor’s Visit Full of Activities.

The Kiwanis Club of New Albany was the 10-E Division host to the Kiwanis Ohio District Governor’s Visit to the Division 10 Kiwanis Clubs. Held at the American Legion Post in Westerville, Ohio District Governor, Amy Zimmerman, was able to visit all three Division 10 clubs, updating all in attendance on upcoming events, exciting developments with the Kiwanis International Initiative - The Eliminate Project, and ending the evening with presentation of an Amtryke to Savannah, an 11 year old with physical and mental difficulties.

New Albany club President, Fred Yun, announced our 2nd annual Flower Sale will begin soon, with more details to follow. Our 3rd annual Trivia Night will be on April 30, 2016 and we encourage everyone to participate. This fun-filled evening is the Kiwanis Club of New Albany's largest fundraiser, with money raised put to use to serve the children of the community.

In addition, New Albany Board Member and Westerville Immediate Past-President, John O’Connor, was recognized by the Governor with a certificate for his excellent work with his Book Bonanza program, his Facebook page creation and maintenance for the Westerville and New Albany Clubs and Division 10-E, his service as President of the Westerville Club in 2014-2015 and his volunteer work in the community.

This was a great night with promises of an exciting club year.
A NEW LOOK TO THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

- BUT STILL SAVING LIVES!

By now you may all have heard that the Eliminate project has moved into its “Fulfillment” stage. But what does that mean? For us in Ohio, that means that Ohio continues to believe in and support saving the lives of women and children internationally. During the first quarter of this 2015-16 Kiwanis year, we had a new Model club in Marysville, along with Silver clubs in Akron and New Philadelphia; and new Bronze clubs in Ashville, Dublin, Eastern and Ottawa.

All these clubs AND ALL CLUBS WHO HAVE PLEDGED, will be recognized throughout the Mid Year Education Day. We cannot say thank you enough to those who are saving lives! In Ohio we are currently at $2.6 million raised of our $4.2 million goal and will continue to reach out to do more. Currently Kiwanis International reports that $104 of our $110 million goal has been reached.

“Fulfillment” offers us many ways to continue our great work. While the Centennial award is gone (available during the Centennial year only), and the Hixson’s have gone back to being supportive of the Kiwanis International Foundation, individual clubs can still utilize the Zeller award if they have an existing pledge. And these funds have been put to good use, with 19 countries having eliminated MNT in the last five years!

Fulfillment also includes the opportunity for each club to evaluate its pledge and determine what it needs to meet its commitment. Eliminate team members are available to help if needed, develop a plan that will accomplish this. And clubs and individuals can still continue to make NEW pledges. NEW PLEDGES will however, only run for four years through 2020, but that still is sufficient time to save more lives.

And there is more. Is your club one of the 40 or so in the district who will turn 100 in the next four or five years? If so, how will you recognize the Legacy of your club? Perhaps a new donation or a new pledge to Eliminate is in order. Your club will only TURN 100 ONCE!

Please let us on the Eliminate know how we can help you. You are doing AMAZING work! Thanks again!
Fellow Ohio Kiwanians: Now is the time to start registering for International Convention in Toronto Canada June 23 to 26 and save $100 by April 15! The convention has the potential to be the best attended by the Ohio District as it is so close. Easily drivable by much of the state, just a 6 hour drive from Division 22, 7 hours from Divisions 13, 14, 15, 20, 24 & 25 including a quick stop at Niagara Falls (adjust your time accordingly). Otherwise the Toronto airport is the most convenient airport in all of Canada.

The Official Ohio hotel for the convention is the spectacular Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. The nightly rate is only $219.00 plus tax.

The lineup of speakers and entertainment are the most exciting. The Keynote speaker will be Colonel Chris Hadfield a heavily decorated 21 year NASA astronaut, engineer, and pilot living for five months aboard the International Space Station, endured three spaceflights and 2600 orbits of Earth will have a compelling inspirational message.

Four-time Grammy nominee Singer Jewel will perform a private concert during the gala dinner on Saturday, June 25. Hailed by the New York Times as a “songwriter bursting with talents” has enjoyed career longevity rare among her generation of artists. Her singular style and beauty continuously land her on the covers of such diverse magazines as TIME, People, Entertainment Weekly, Vanity Fair, In Style, Glamour and Seventeen. Stuff listed her among its “102 Sexiest Women in the World” while Blender went further, crowning her “rock’s sexiest poet.”

Other fun activities include Kiwanis in Canada’s 100th Birthday Party, a public event, Welcome reception and Key Club and Circle K International Alumni Gathering event. As well as Kiwanis Store, World Showcase and informative Workshops

Toronto is one of the cleanest, safest, and most peaceful large cosmopolitan cities in the world. It is the largest city in Canada and the fifth largest city in North America after Mexico City, New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. It is an exciting and beautiful multicultural city. Toronto’s restaurants offer cuisines from every corner of the globe. There is no shortage of shopping options, attractions, historical sites and activities.

As it is across the border, please start now to get a passport or check to see if your current passport needs to be renewed. And don’t forget to get your red shirt. It is so impressive to see that “sea of red” of Ohio shirts sitting together at the convention delegate sessions. The Official Ohio District Red shirt order form is available in the Downloadable Documents section of OhioKiwanis.org. Come support our International Trustee John DeVilbiss, our International Foundation Trustee Cindy Champer and Governor Amy Zimmerman at this wonderful Kiwanis Event.

Stop by our table at Mid-Year Education Day and pick up Official Toronto visitor Guide for 2016, On To Toronto Luggage tags, name tag stickers and more information.

Check out Kiwanis.org/Toronto for all the details. See you in Toronto!
Mid-Year Offers Educational Opportunities

The format for Mid-Year will be slightly different this year as we apply our focus to the Kiwanis International initiative known as the I-PLAN: Inspiration, Impact, Image, and Investment. Our Keynote presentation in the morning will feature Past International President Paul Palazzolo who will inspire us all with a touch of inspiration about membership, clubs and retention.

The morning breakout sessions will feature five choices:

- **Impact**, our current International Trustee Barb Thompson

- **Image**, Vicki Hermansen, Kiwanis International Public Relations Manager

- **Investment**, our Ohio Kiwanis Foundation will be presenting on grant writing and how our foundation dollars are being invested right here in Ohio.

  - iPlan Technology will help get you started leveraging technology for implementation.

- **Aktion** Club Management will offer expectations of officers and club management

We reconvene as a group for lunch with current International President Sue Petrisin providing some comprehensive I-PLAN information as well as her current message. Lunch will also feature the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame inductions, and more.

The after lunch breakout sessions will again focus on the I-PLAN.

- **Impact**, the current first family project: Amtryke bikes will be presented by Governor Amy Zimmerman and Sandy Zimmerman. These are amazing stories and oh my, what an impact they have.

- **Image**, Media Training with Vicki Hermansen, Lisa Dudek, and Steve Hadt will provide a session on interacting with the media.

- **Investment**, IPartnerships with Pam Norman, Kiwanis International Sr. Director Corporate Relations.

  - **I-PLAN** Making networking work with Chris Borja will present an immersive hands-on workshop to teach you how to add focus and purpose to your networking.

  - **Aktion Clubs Service Ideas** will feature a discussion about some service projects that have worked really well and how your clubs can engage with our fastest growing Service Leadership Program.

**Service Leadership Programs** with Past International Key Club President Maria Palazzolo. You won’t want to miss this message.

Please watch the website for any last minute changes in the schedule.

The Ice Cream Social and Service Fair will feature a new opportunity to interact with your Kiwanis Leadership, get photos taken with the International President and so much more.

Your Ohio District Mid-Year is right around the corner on March 5 and is waiting and ready for you!