

# Buckeye Bulletin

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

March 2018

**Dan Litzinger**  
**Governor**  
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Some of you may already have heard that our own Lanton Lee has resigned from his position as Area Director for Kiwanis International. I know I speak for all of us in Ohio when I say we have lost an important resource and will miss Lanton serving Ohio. I personally appreciate all Lanton has done to help me as Governor and Lanton has assured me he will still be an active Ohio Kiwanis member and is looking forward

working with all of us to grow Ohio Kiwanis.

I ask you to join me in congratulating Past Governor Amy Zimmerman who was just appointed to Trustee of the International Children's Fund. This is a very great honor for not only Amy but Ohio as I know Amy's leadership abilities will help in growing the International Children's Fund creating more grants that will surely be a benefit to Ohio.

It is not too late to sign up for Mid-Year, so I encourage you to check out the Ohio Kiwanis website ([www.ohiokiwaniis.org](http://www.ohiokiwaniis.org)) to see all the information including descriptions of the sessions. The Nationwide Conference Center is a beautiful, comfortable facility with excellent food. Jim Janosik and Jason Miller have done an excellent job of putting together what I feel will be one of the best Mid-Year Education days.

Also, the International Convention in Las Vegas is fast approaching, and the numbers registered from Ohio at this point are disappointingly low. Please consider signing up today as this is one of the most reasonable Conventions as far as cost for Ohio members in a long time. We also have an International Candidate John DeVilbiss running for International Vice President so it's important Ohio shows up to support John. I am working on organizing an Ohio reception for hopefully Friday evening so will be forwarded details as they are confirmed.

Please check out the article in the March Kiwanis magazine "Boxes of Hope", Division 24 and Kevin Brusk our Districts Human & Spiritual Values Chair is featured on an awe-inspiring project they did. Congratulations to Kevin and all in Division 24 that worked on this project.

I want to thank our Formula Team who is working very hard to organize and conduct trainings in preparation for our Northern Ohio New Club Building Blitz May 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already signed up, please consider as to be successful in building eight Clubs we are going to need a lot of help. The help we need can be as simple as being a driver to shuttle teams around to making calls to set appointments to actually going out with a team to build a Club.

I am very troubled as I am sure you are about the recent School shooting which makes me more committed to our SLP Programs. Our SLP Programs are a positive force in a young person's life which have proven to help lead students in a positive direction. I ask you to continue to connect with the SLP'S your Club supports and look for opportunities to build more SLP'S as I've said before these are the best programs with the most impact Kiwanians do.

We are now nearly half way through the Kiwanis Year. We have heard great things from clubs throughout the district and many are participating in the First Family Project emphasizing Feeding Ohio's Children! If your club is looking for a way to participate, please look at our district website and go to the First Family Project page.

**Dave Whiteman**  
**District Secretary**

**Secretary@OhioKiwanis.org**



### **Mid-Year Education Day**

Our 2018 Mid-Year Education Day will take place on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center in Lewis Center, Ohio. What a great opportunity to learn more about the greatest service club in the world! You can still register online or by mail and we also have a few more first-time attendee discounts available. On our district website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org), you can register online and check out the workshops available on the Mid-Year Education Day page in the drop-down Menu found at the top right-hand side of the page. We hope to see you there!

### **2018 Kiwanis International Convention**

Now that we are wrapping up planning for this year's Mid-Year Education Day, our thoughts are turning to the upcoming International Convention. This year our convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. If you have never been to Vegas, this is a great opportunity to visit. This year's International Convention will be one of the least expensive events in years! You can find more information on the Kiwanis International website ([www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org)) by clicking on the Convention link at the top of the page. Remember our own John DeVilbiss is running for International Vice-President and every vote counts!

### **990 Tax Return Available for Review**

The district recently completed and filed its 990 Federal Tax Return with the Internal Revenue Service. That return is now available for review in the District Office. We welcome all visitors who would like to review our return and it would even get you a make-up attendance credit with your own Club Secretary!

# HAVE YOU SEEN THE INTERNET LATELY?



## KIDS NEED KIWANIS

### **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](mailto:secretary@ohiokiwanis.org). We will use them as space allows.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OHIO KIWANIS AVAILABLE

Submitted by Bill Flinta, Immediate Past Governor

Have you enjoyed your Kiwanis experience? Would you like to meet new service minded Kiwanians, learn more about Kiwanis, and continue to serve Kiwanis within Ohio? If your answer to these questions is yes; then I enthusiastically encourage you to consider running for some of our Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and Ohio District of Kiwanis International positions at our upcoming Ohio District Convention this August.

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will be electing four Directors to four-year terms on its Board. By serving on this Board you will work with other elected and appointed Directors and Officers to help carry out the mission, vision, and policy of our Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Anyone interested in running for this Board should contact Bill Flinta at [bfkiwanis@yahoo.com](mailto:bfkiwanis@yahoo.com) or 330-801-6225 with any questions they may have or to request the application paperwork. The requested deadline to file paperwork seeking election is April 30, 2018 and all candidates need the endorsement of their Club and Division to run.

Elected opportunities to serve the Ohio District of Kiwanis International are available for District Treasurer, District Governor Elect, and on the Finance and Structure Committee. A District Treasurer will be elected to a one-year term at the District Convention in August. There is currently one filed candidate for this position. One District Governor Elect candidate is also elected at the District Convention in August and this person then becomes the sole candidate for District Governor the following year. The Finance and Structure Committee administers the District's finances, budget, and office procedures under the direction of the District Board. There will be two members elected to one-year terms on this committee at the District convention. To learn more about running and serving in any of these positions please contact District Secretary Dave Whiteman at [secretary@ohiokiwanis.org](mailto:secretary@ohiokiwanis.org) or 614-848-5000.

The requested deadline to file paperwork seeking election to any of these positions is March 31, 2018 and the endorsement of the candidate's home Club and Division are required.



# Kiwanis®

OHIO DISTRICT

### Licking County Aktion in Action

Carl Gruber, Amy Gorling (shown) and Robert George from the Aktion Club of Licking County shared an interclub by helping at the Newark Pancake Day on Saturday, Feb 24 at the Grove by the River in Newark.

They lent a hand in the kitchen and cleaning tables, and Robert lent his talent on the keyboard as part of the Live Entertainment, one of the special highlights of Newark Kiwanis's Annual Pancake Day fundraiser for Camp O'Bannon.



Many Kiwanians from other clubs showed their support including Governor Dan Litzinger and Past Governor's Sharon O'Neal and Don Parker.



**Jim Janosik**

**Mid-Year Conference**

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We are quickly approaching another MidYear Education Day and hope that you have already registered to join us for fun, fellowship and lots of learning.

Be sure to arrive early for the 9am kickoff session with the District Foundation and keynote speaker Kiwanis International Trustee John DeVilbiss. The Foundation will also present Legion of Honor and Foundation Ambassador awards as well as recognize Birthday Fund and First Family Project contributors. Recognitions of Foundation grants will also be made during the session.

Our keynote speaker at the afternoon general session will be a fellow Kiwanian as well. Martin Butler has served as the Executive Director of Neighborhood Services, Inc. in Columbus, Ohio since 2013 where he works in collaboration with many other non-profits, churches and civic groups to provide food security for the most vulnerable within Columbus.

After you've filled your minds and hearts for the day, we invite you to fill your stomach before heading home with ice cream sandwiches, cookies, chips and drinks at our afternoon Ice Cream social, generously sponsored by International Trustee and candidate for International Vice-President, John DeVilbiss, along with the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Mid-Year is only a couple weeks away. I am excited to be able to let you know that we have 5 groups that are involved in the Weekend Food Packs for children with which we will be sharing your generous food donations. They are: Athens Kiwanis Club, Woodsfield Kiwanis Club, Worthington Resources Pantry- Family Mentor, NNEMAP Food Pantry – Linden area, and South Bloomfield UMC Weekend Pack Ministry. Remember that the Weekend Food Packs need individually packaged food for “food insecure” children. Ideal items are granola bars, toaster tarts, applesauce cups, fruit cups, vegetable cups, pop-top pasta with meat sauce, Vienna sausages, 12 oz jars of peanut butter, and Jelly in squirt bottles.



**First Family Project**

**Barbara Litzinger**

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We greatly appreciate your generous donations. Drop off is under the portico entrance of the Conference Center near the registration table. Assistance unloading will be provided if needed. If you would like to volunteer to help with unloading food please let me know.

If your club is not involved in this type of service project, but have an interest in starting one, here are nine basic steps. These steps will give you an idea of what is involved in starting this type of project. If you want more detail please let me know.

- \*Identify a school for your food program.
- \*Schedule a meeting with the principal to get approval.
- \*You may also want to meet with teachers and staff to get their support. They will also be choosing the students who need the weekend packs.
- \*Plan specifics of your program.
- \*Make a budget for resources and materials you need.
- \*Recruit VOLUNTEERS.
- \*Plan food bags and purchase food.
- \*Confirm a start date and begin.
- \*Evaluate and measure the success of the program and make adjustments if necessary.

If this seems overwhelming for your club alone, partner with another club, church, or civic organization. You could also join a program that is already in existence and help expand the impact on those in need.

***KIDS NEED KIWANIS!***



## Kiwanis Kids

**Jennifer Lewis**

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Let K-Kids Run a Mock Kiwanis Meeting! Hands-on Learning is Unique and Extremely Effective! Kids are amazing, just give them a chance to show you. K-Kids are future Kiwanians; they are children with a philanthropic heart. Our job as Kiwanians is to foster opportunities for them to learn how to be leaders and how to help others. One easy way is to involve them in your projects. You will make lasting memories and introduce their parents and families to Kiwanis. Hands-on learning is impactful! I vividly remembering sitting behind the desk of an Ohio legislature in a mock session while attending Buckeye Girls State

when I was in high school. We were in a formal Congressional setting and our actions seemed real! Why not invite each of your SLPs to run your Kiwanis meeting? They can experience Parliamentary procedure first-hand and bring a new perspective and likely humor to your meetings. Similarly, why not invite KKids and their parents to help with your service projects, including the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Pancake Day, Kiwanis One Day, or helping with other SLPs. Involving your SLPs to co-sponsor events is both rewarding and resourceful!

K-Kids Video Contest Winner - From Ohio! Congratulations to our Ohio District K-Kids First Place Contest Winner!

Kiwanis International 2017-18 K-Kids and Builder's Club Contests were reviewed and voted on at the 2018 SLP Conference in January by the K-Kids and Builders Club District Administrators. These contest submissions were due December 15, 2017 and included Best Essay, Best Video, Best Speech and Best Poster.

One Ohio District Club was a winner! Congratulations to GRANVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL K-KIDS who won FIRST PLACE for Best Club Promotion Video! The club and Faculty Advisor Jessica Wilson PhD (also a Key Club Alumna and Kiwanian) received a certificate and \$100 shopping spree from Kiwanis Warehouse! The video was made in collaboration with the Granville High School Film Club and support from the Granville Community Foundation. The video features a dedicated K-Kids volunteer and Kiwanian Jean Cation. This promotional video focuses on one of the third grade K-Kids' major projects this year, their work with the Licking County Humane Society. The awards were shared on the K-Kids official Facebook and Twitter pages in February for K-Kids Week February 19-23!

A link to the winning 2017-18 Kiwanis International K-Kids Best Promotional Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoFwnwKB1s>

You can still help us highlight more of our amazing clubs by encouraging your K-Kids or Builders Club to enter the next set of contests due May 1, 2018. The next contests include: Best Scrapbook, Distinguished Club Officers, Kiwanis Children's Fund Leadership Award, Annual Achievement Report and Distinguished Advisors. For more information, visit [kkids.org/contests](http://kkids.org/contests) or [buildersclub.org/contests](http://buildersclub.org/contests).

Pierce Minter received Kiwanis International Children's Fund Leadership Award for K-Kids at the Division 10E council mtg. He was one of 4 recipients worldwide for 2016-17. He was nominated for his personal efforts to start a K-Kids at Wilder Elementary School in Westerville, OH. The Kiwanis Children's Fund Leadership Award recognizes K-Kids club members committed to service to school and community, and who demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and strong moral character.



Pierce had the idea to start the K-Kids club and has been a leader as well as active member in the club. According to Lynn Holland, the club's Faculty Advisor/Facilitator whom Pierce approached to start the club, "I had my doubts as to what we might accomplish. Because of an eight year old's love of helping others through service, we have accomplished an amazing amount of community service." How did he learn about K-Kids? Likely from his parents and grandparents who were Kiwanians, as well as his older brother who had started a Builders club.

Award recipients receive a certificate of congratulations, an American Express gift card for US\$100 and a special medallion.

He was presented a certificate and medal from Past Kiwanis International President Alan Penn (also his proud grandfather). Pierce's parents James and Jody Minter are members of the Kiwanis Club of Westerville and James is currently serving as Lt. Governor for Division 10E.

## Key Leader

**Brian and Kelly Shaffer**  
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## To Be a Key Leader

Early in the Key Leader weekend, students are asked to set expectations for their time at camp. Typical expectations include: have fun, become a leader, make friends, and learn new skills. Then students are asked what a "Key Leader" is. By the end of the weekend, all can agree that a "Key Leader" is a servant leader. To assess the "Key Leader-ness"

of a person or his/her actions, we put them to the test, the Key Leader Test, that is.

Is what I am doing helping others to become stronger and more independent?

Do others or does the organization become better because of what I am doing?

Do my actions help others in my community?

Students put themselves and others to the test. It turns out, there are a lot of Key Leaders in the world. Oprah Winfrey, Bono, and Martin Luther King, Jr. are frequently cited as servant leaders. As influential as these people may be, students look to people a little closer to home. You would be flattered to know that students think of you, the Kiwanians of Ohio, as Key Leaders. They see your selfless dedication to making your community a better place for them and their neighbors. They see you raising funds to help women and children in countries you will never see. They see you reaching out a hand to pull up someone who is down. They see you helping those who can't help themselves at that moment.

Everyday, the youth of Ohio see you doing the right thing, even when you think they don't notice; they see you living with **integrity**. Our youth see you learning new things and teaching them to others, **growing your mind, body and spirit**. When you generously offer assistance to someone who doesn't deserve it; they see you giving **respect**. Working with your club, their club, other people's clubs, they see **community**. When our youth see you sweating over a project and becoming frustrated because it is not going as planned, they see you **pursuing excellence**, not just settling for good enough.

Are you a Key Leader? The young people who are all around you think so. Thank you for being the role model that so many don't have. You may never know the impact you have on others, but rest assured, you do have an impact. Your hard work and dedication is not going unnoticed. Dr. Forest Witcraft wisely stated, "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a child." Never is this more true that when you are leading by example and showing our developing servant leaders what it means to be a Key Leader. You are even important in the life of children you may never even know. Your impact reaches far and wide.

Please continue to share the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to lead through service. Our youth need you more than ever. Ohio's Key Leader weekend is the perfect opportunity for students to step out of their comfort zones and put themselves to the test while learning to be Key Leaders. Our next event is November 9-11, 2018 at Recreation Unlimited. Registration opens late summer for chaperones, participants and student facilitators. Contact us at [ohiokeyleader@gmail.com](mailto:ohiokeyleader@gmail.com) or [byacucci@cinci.rr.com](mailto:byacucci@cinci.rr.com) with any questions.



## Delivering Love

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion spent Sunday, February 11, 2018 delivering valentine to the Renaissance Assisted Living Facility in Olmsted Township.

We delivered 85 valentines which we made at Pat Catan's in Westlake. The residents were happy to have the company and the valentines. Everyone loved our four legged helper "Toothless" the therapy dog.



# MidYear Education Day

3.17.18 • 9a-5p  
Nationwide Hotel &  
Conference Center  
Lewis Center, OH

Has membership been an issue in your club?  
Would you like to learn how to recruit more effectively?  
How can you inspire others in your club to grow your roster?  
Do you need help building a corporate recruitment strategy?

Your 2018 Ohio District Kiwanis MidYear Education Day  
will help you with these and other challenges that your  
club may be facing so that together we can

**GROW OHIO KIWANIS!**

1st 50 first time attendees get a \$15 discount!

Opening Session with Ohio Kiwanis District Foundation 9a  
Educational Forums 10:15a-12p & 2:15p-3:30p  
Lunch, Awards, Keynote Speaker 12p-2p  
Service Fair & Ice Cream Social 3:30p-5p

**Registration**  
**opens 12.15.17 @**  
**ohiokiwanis.org**



## Club Coach

**Diana Keplinger**

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## Strengthen Your Club in 2018

All members in your club are very important to the club's success. They set the tone for the meetings, fund raisers and service projects. Here are a few ideas to help your club run smoother and be successful in your community.

A positive attitude by all members will cause others to pitch in. Show gratefulness to others and they will always participate.

Recognition of members at meetings is a great way to let them know how much they are appreciated. Acknowledge success of members each time you are together. Make sure every member feels wanted, needed, and involved.

Keep your members engaged and they will want to make a difference. Give everyone a job.

Make sure the service your club does is impactful and relevant. Service to others is a focal point of every good club.

Do not take on too much as a club. Be the best at a few projects and make them your signature projects in the community.

Strengthen your club by trying one or more of these ideas.

*\*Note: The Kiwanis International Magazine edition "Pick Me Up and Use Me" from December 2017 is available on line. Loaded with ideas on how to rebuild and strengthen your club, this is a terrific resource for all Kiwanis Family Clubs. <http://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/kiwanis-magazine/ki-1217>*

## Westlake Aktion Club Members Create Warm Blankets to go with Warm Wishes.

The Westlake Aktion Club helped with a project at Pat Catan's in Westlake making Linus Blankets on Saturday February 17, 2017. Pat Catan's supplies the fleece and other supplies and volunteers make the Linus Blankets. They are warm fuzzy blankets for kids who are seriously ill. These blankets will be donated locally to children's hospitals, camps, social service agencies and local fire departments throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania.



Once completed, the no-sew fleece blankets will be sent to Project Linus to make sure they are kid-safe and a special label will be sewn into each blanket. All blankets will then be donated to local children in Cleveland, Akron, Central and Southern Ohio and Pittsburgh.

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that began in the winter of 1995. After reading an ar-

article in *Parade Magazine* about a little girl named Laura with leukemia, Karen Loucks was inspired to help children. She then began to create homemade security blankets for children at the local Denver Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center and Project Linus was born.

Linus is now supported by 312 chapters across all 50 the United States. Their mission is to "provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers".





## Human and Spiritual Values

**Kevin Bruck**

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This morning I read a story about a woman who overheard a stranger talking to a cashier about the hard times they were going through. After thinking of different ways she could help she remembered a business card that a colleague had given her. Weeks earlier when she was dealing with stressful situation her colleague handed her this card and it had helped her through her times of trouble. She handed the stranger the card who read it and began to cry. The two shared a hug and parted ways. The card simply read "You Matter". She has since had these cards printed and passes them out to friends, family and strangers when needed. Such a simple act of kindness can have unimaginable impacts on others.

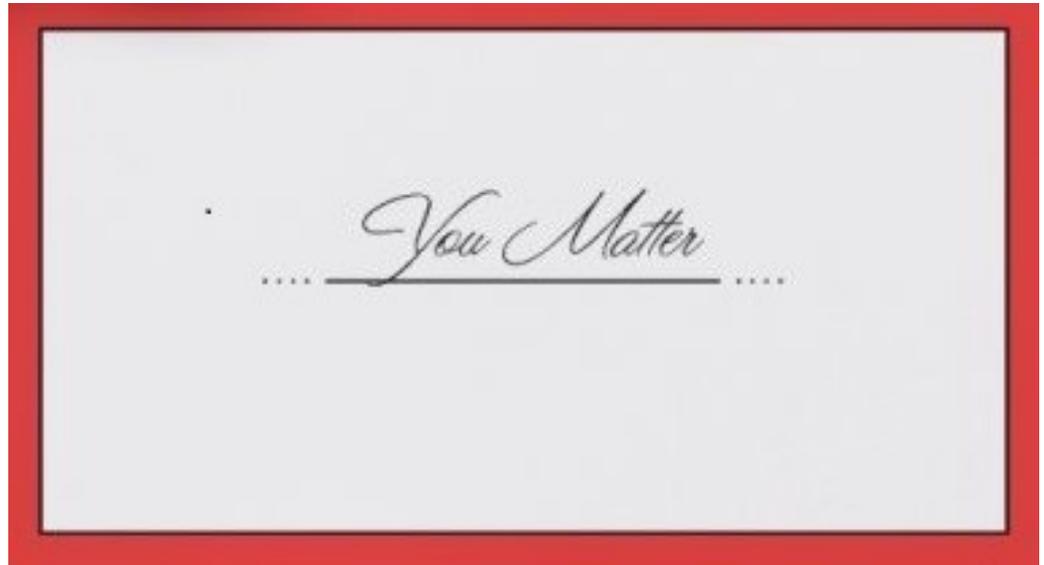
### Simple Acts of Kindness

*By: Eve Estelle*

Kindness doesn't have to be  
This elaborate, expensive thing;  
A simple act, a single word,  
Is as good as gold -  
Or a sparkling diamond ring.

You don't need to go buying gifts,  
Don't shower them with money;  
Just smile at a stranger,  
Or say something funny.  
It truly doesn't take much  
To brighten someone's day -  
Just listen to their troubles,  
And tell them it's okay.

It's not hard to do,  
It takes little time;  
But it's these simple acts of kindness  
That make the world shine



### PRESENTING OHIO'S CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: JOHN DE VILBISS

Ohio's candidate for this year's election as Kiwanis International vice-president is John DeVilbiss. Today's article will focus on one area of John's platform - the need to Increase fiscal control of funds.

John has a solid background in finance, accounting, and fiscal management. In his past professional life, John first started in a bank and worked his way up to CEO; plus, he helped guide the bank through a very successful merger.

John also worked as treasurer of a local public-school district which required financial forecasting, management planning and working within a tight budget. Additionally, during his time as treasurer, the school district built a \$4 million plus building complex.

The above skills are considered essential components for higher level positions in Kiwanis, of which John has also served as both Ohio District treasurer and Governor.

Please mark your mental ballot right now for John DeVilbiss for KI vice-president when you go to Las Vegas in June - and be sure to bring along your Ohio red shirt.



**Brecksville  
Kiwanis  
Succeeds with  
Empty Bowl  
Service Project**

In keeping with the spirit of the First Family Project of Food For Kids, the Brecksville Kiwanis Club combined with the Lions Club of Broadview Heights, area sponsors, and our service leadership students from Brecksville-



Broadview Heights High School to serve nearly 600 people for our annual Empty Bowls Event. Approximately \$10,000 will be contributed to the Brecksville Food Bank and Lend A Hand Foodbank.



**Congratulations to the  
2018-2019 Ohio District Circle K Board!**

**Samantha Gates—Governor  
Bowling Green State University**

**Katherine Kotora—Erie Lt. Governor  
Bowling Green State University**

**Megan Lear—Western Reserve Lt. Governor  
University of Akron**

**Renee Rolston—Buckeye Trails Lt. Governor  
Muskingum University**

**Colton Morton—River Hills Lt. Governor  
Miami University**



***The Ohio District of Kiwanis International is seeking applications from interested individuals for the following part time positions. The District will consider combining the two positions into one for a qualified candidate.***

### **Membership Recruitment Coordinator**

*This person will work independently and with the help of other Kiwanis volunteers to build new Kiwanis clubs throughout the Ohio District of Kiwanis and to assist existing clubs in adding new members through club strengthening efforts.*

*Qualifications for this position include strong communication skills, experience in public relations and promotions, meeting and event planning, and in the training of others. The individual should be organized, detail oriented, self-motivated, and possess the ability to work toward goals with minimal supervision.*

*This person will work from home, with minimal clerical support, and frequent travel throughout Ohio will be required. Compensation is anticipated to be a combination of base pay and commission with travel expense reimbursement.*

### **District Secretary**

*This person will have the responsibility of overseeing the administrative operation of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International, including but not limited to, record keeping, financial operations and reporting, the writing and maintaining of policies and procedure, monthly newsletter publication, and meeting/event planning. This position will also provide support to Ohio Kiwanis clubs, Ohio Kiwanis committees, Ohio District officers, Ohio Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs, and the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation on administrative matters. This person will serve as an administrative matter liaison between Kiwanis International and the Ohio District.*

*Qualifications for this position include strong communications skills, basic financial/bookkeeping knowledge, and experience with meeting and event planning. The individual should be organized, detail and deadline oriented, self-motivated, and possess the ability to work independently.*

*This position will work in an office setting with some travel around Ohio and possibly beyond for Kiwanis related events. Compensation is anticipated to be on a salary basis.*

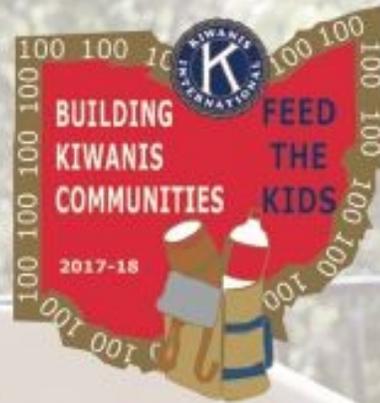
*Both of these positions will report to the Ohio Kiwanis Governor and District Board, whose positions change annually. Pay for each position is negotiable and based on experience. If not already, it is expected that the persons holding these positions will become members of Ohio Kiwanis clubs. Anyone interested in either or both positions may request a full job description, if desired, from Bill Flinta at [bfkiwanis@yahoo.com](mailto:bfkiwanis@yahoo.com). All interested parties are asked to send their resume to Bill Flinta at 4182 Leewood Road, Stow, OH 44224 or via e-mail to [bfkiwanis@yahoo.com](mailto:bfkiwanis@yahoo.com) by February 28, 2018.*

A photograph of two young girls, one Black and one Asian, smiling and leaning on a white wooden balcony railing. They are outdoors with a blurred green background.

**Food  
Collection to  
support the First  
Family's Project @**

**MidYear**   
**Education Day**  
**3.17.18**

**Nationwide Hotel &  
Conference Center  
Lewis Center, OH**



Please bring any of the following individually wrapped items:  
Granola bars • Pop-Tarts • Pudding cups • Applesauce or fruit cups  
Vienna sausage -pop top cans • Soup pop top cans • Grape jelly  
Pasta/ravioli with meat - pop top cans • Peanut butter 12 oz size  
Ritz crackers (box with 4 sleeves) • Other individually wrapped food

Drop-off under the portico entrance to the conference center and we will assist with unloading. Thank you for supporting this project!



## Heritage K-Kids ... They Call It Puppy Love

Members of the K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School annually makes pull toys from old shirts for the dogs and puppies at the Humane Society.

T-shirts are cut into long strips and then braided and knotted. The resulting "ropes" are tough, washable and easy to replace. The toys are appreciated by the Humane Society since it helps older dogs relieve stress or boredom and provides relief for chewing puppies.

This is the K-Kids favorite service project. Also makes a lot of dog/puppies happy.

## "Continued Learning of Excellence"

It's been an interesting "Pre-spring". Ohio's erratic weather patterns and the drama that comes with it is nothing new, nor are the craters in the road that are politely called "potholes". What is new, is the development of the new education director over at Kiwanis International seems to be listening to the members and what may be "needed" as opposed to "given".

Certified Leadership Education is, I think a misnomer. It should be "Continued Learning of Excellence". Think about it, as we progress through school and our careers, we attend classes on latest technology, updates on methods of service and other aspects of our career. Why? To improve our ability to do a job well. If we are lucky, the classes are interesting and can be utilized in many other aspects of our lives.

Why is volunteerism any different? We volunteer for very personal reasons and the "payoff" is very different for each person. Instead of a paycheck, the payoff may be the gratification for a hands-on service experience. It may be the interaction with fellow members or with the public, it may be the opportunity to utilize a specific skill set that can benefit others, or simply the chance to "pay it forward" or "pay it back". Keeping that in mind, it requires a very different mentality with working with volunteers. However, you require skills to organize, plan, implement and evaluate everything from meetings to projects to fundraisers. These are not skills that come naturally to most people. We are here to help. Once you master basic tasks, you can build on those skills and grow into other leadership areas.

We can help you develop a basic skill set – how to create an agenda, run a meeting, or create a budget from a book's instructions. But, doesn't it make more sense to learn from people who have experienced the role and learn from the potential pitfalls and successes?

What about skills that are not so easy to learn from a book? Conflict Resolution? SMART Goal setting? Avoiding a toxic club environment? This is where attending CLE for incoming officers can help prepare for a successful year. Classes can be very eye opening and we are looking at tailoring them to the needs of the clubs (and officers) so they are armed with enthusiasm and tools to help make the Kiwanis Family experience a terrific one.

If you are interested in being a team member for teaching excellence, please contact me at [sarah@ohiokiwans.org](mailto:sarah@ohiokiwans.org).

The only requirement is the ability to be able to talk to others in small groups and a willingness to support others in their service journey.



## Leadership Development

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