

# Buckeye Bulletin

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

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## **Engaging with our Service Leadership Programs**

hind us it makes me think the wonder how many of our Kiwanis Clubs have had meaningful engagement with their SLP's so far this year? Do you know who your outgoing and incoming SLP officers are, who the Key Club or Circle K Lt. Governor for your area is? Before the end of school arrives I encourage all Kiwanis clubs to take time to engage with their SLPs and thank them for their service this year, learn of their plans for the coming year, and possibly even enlist them to help you with some of your club's summer projects. Possible ways to interact with your SLPs may include; 1) inviting their outgoing and incoming officers to one of your meetings, 2) Kiwanians attending their K-Kids, Builder's Club, Key Club, Circle K, or Aktion Club officer installation, or 3) hosting an end of the year picnic for the entire K family in your community (include their parents). The possibilities are endless, the point is to make it a point to interact with your SLPs. These youth are the future of our organization and we have so much to offer each other. As Kiwanians we are role models to these youth and can offer them mentorship, funding for projects and events, added manpower for their projects, and ideas for projects of their own to name just a few things. They can offer us manpower help with our projects, ideas for projects our club may want to consider that we would not have otherwise thought of, and future members (whether it be themselves or their parents) to name just a few of the benefits. The mutual benefits and rewards of Kiwanis family interaction are endless and I encourage all clubs to purposefully and diligently work to strengthen our Kiwanis family by encouraging inclusive frequent interaction between all of us. As the SLPs are ending one administrative year and beginning a new one please get to know their officers and plan for the new year together.

With Circle K District Leadership Conference, Kiwanis Mid-Year Education Day, Key Club District Leadership Conference and Spring Break now behind of the school year can't be far behind. So I

By the numbers: Do we have more Kiwanis clubs/members or SLP clubs/members in Ohio? The answers may surprise you, and help drive home the importance and benefit of supporting these SLP clubs. Did you know we currently have 229 Kiwanis clubs in Ohio with a total of 7,158 members? Ohio Kiwanis Clubs proudly support 245 Key Clubs with 9417 members, 24 Circle K Clubs with 333 members, 37 Aktion Clubs with 627 members, 92 Builders Clubs 77 K-Kids clubs (actual member numbers are not reported for these last two clubs). These are amazing statistics and by themselves show a purpose for Kiwanis, but thank goodness we are so much more, providing endless service to our communities and growing our service through these youth by helping them to develop into future leaders.

In closing, congratulations to Ally Beechy, outgoing Ohio District Circle K Governor, and Prestin Minter, outgoing Ohio District Key Club Governor, and their entire leadership teams on a fabulous year of service! Welcome to Bethany Sara, incoming Ohio Circle K Governor, and Esam Hammoudi, incoming Ohio Key Club Governor, and their leadership teams, best of luck in your year ahead!

## District Secretary's Notes

What does Easter, the OSU Spring Game and Tax Day have in common? They all herald new beginnings. While the beginning of our year started several months ago, spring is a time for planting the seeds for future growth and success. Our governing documents call for clubs elections in the spring; this provides time to educate and nurture our incoming leaders before they step into their roles.

Incoming officers have ample time to observe and take note of clubs' strengths and weaknesses. The strengths can be built upon and celebrated, the weaknesses can be shored up and corrected. To help designated officers prepare, we are coordinating our annual Certified Leadership Education blitz. We currently have a dozen locations throughout the state for these half-day sessions. Please visit <http://ohiokiwanis.org/Page/965> for a listing of dates and locations. Additional information will be added as it becomes available. If officers cannot attend CLE sessions in Ohio, there are classes available on-line via the Kiwanis International website. <https://reporting.kiwanisone.org/OnlineEducation>. Keep in mind, we need you to pre-register for the CLE classes, any location with less than five people registered will be cancelled since many of our educator's volunteer to drive long distances to provide this service to clubs.

This year, we will be holding our Centennial District Convention. 100 years of annual gatherings to celebrate service and to conduct the business of the Ohio District – what a tremendous milestone! We hope you will be joining us August 11-13 in Dayton for this event. Additional information will be found on the District website [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org) as well as on-line registration. Club Secretaries, please watch for the Call to Convention mailing around the first of June.

As you may be aware, by the time you read this, Dave will have had surgery and will be on the path to recuperation for several weeks. He thanks you for your well wishes and prayers – they mean more than you will ever guess.

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### Take Note of these Dates....

**April & May**, Officer Election Month for Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club and Kiwanis. Be sure to submit officer information on-line and on time!

**May 13, May 20, June 3, June 10**, Club Leadership Education, locations vary

**June 16-17**, Kiwanis Lt. Governor Elect Training, Lewis Center

**June 28**, District Golf Outing, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, Canton

**July 5-9**, CKIx International Convention, San Antonio, Texas

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**July 13-16**, Kiwanis International Convention, Paris, France

### 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.

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## **We Need to Finish Our Promise for MNT!**

It is my opinion that all of you reading this, and Kiwanians in general, are of the mind that we must finish what we started with the Eliminate Project. When this heartfelt project began, Ohio and other districts like it were challenged with the task of saving hundreds of thousands of lives through the donation of \$1.80 for a series of three immunizations and clean childbirth edu-

cation. In Ohio, we put our money where our mouth was and were the first district to raise \$1 million and thereby save 556,000 lives.

But let me now refer to you an expert, a retired physician and past International President Dr. Will Blechman. In a recent article, he wrote the following:

"While I have been retired from the practice of medicine for a heck of a long time, I have never forgotten three individuals who I was involved in caring for as a medical resident at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. It was either 1959 or 1960 that all three (adult men, not kids) were admitted with tetanus to the infectious disease ward at Jackson. Never in my almost 85 years on this earth, have I witnessed agony to the degree that was obvious day after day in all three. In two of them, the agony was only relieved by death. The third slowly improved after days of pain that I have no other words to describe.

"All because they were never immunized in their home countries. They were farm workers who came every year to work in the Everglades picking vegetables. Unfortunately they each suffered some type of cuts (or more likely punctures) while working. Remember, tetanus is ubiquitous in the soil. Once the germs were introduced into the body, they multiplied and released the powerful toxin that impacts the nervous system, making it so hyperactive that the slightest stimuli (light, touch or sound) is enough to cause electrical signals to power muscles into such severe spasm that they at times can even bend or break bones.

"Yet all this could have been prevented, one hundred percent prevented, with a series of three shots of tetanus toxoid...Today I believe the cost of each is \$.80 and it is through the funds raised by Kiwanians that UNICEF is able to provide the shots that will prevent such terrible outcomes...

And while no one should ever have to undergo such pain or die in such a fashion, the thought of this occurring in babies has always been intolerable for me to accept...

"Therefore, I add my personal request that you can forward on – Please fulfill your pledge as quickly as possible, and make sure when you send the money to the Kiwanis International Foundation, now the Kiwanis Children's Fund, that you have listed on the check that it's for the Eliminate project. And for anyone who can donate more than they already have done, please do. **It's not often that Kiwanis programs truly save lives. This one does.**"

### **Address Changes....!**

The District Office moved in November of 2016, but we are still receiving mail addressed to the old location. Since our forwarding order is about to expire, please remember that our new mailing address is:

**OHIO DISTRICT KIWANIS, 941 Chatham Lane, Suite 326, Columbus, Ohio 43221**

Kiwanis International has changed their website and with the change, some people have been having problems logging into Portal-Buzz. We recommend you go to [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org) and click on "Member Resources" to log in. If continue to have problems with logging in, please call the Member Services Department at Kiwanis International and they will be happy to assist you. (1-800-KIWANIS)

## K-Kids Members Donations Impact Their Community!

The K-Kids at Park Avenue Elementary, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, held their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Father Daughter Dance in February and were able to raise \$954.25!

They carefully selected their charitable recipients. They took \$100 right off the top and donated it to the United Way of Morrow County and even got to present it to them live on the radio during their annual Radiothon on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. They took the remaining funds and divided it 50/25/25.

50% went to Flying Horse Farms, a camp in Mt. Gilead for children who face serious and life threatening illnesses. They put 25% of it toward the purchase of doggie supplies for the Morrow County Dog Shelter and donated dog collars, chew toys, dog treats, several boxes of dog biscuits, waste bags, and bleach for cleaning. The dog warden was overwhelmed with their generosity!

The rest of the money was used to buy items for the activity carts at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. They donated puzzles, word finds, Playdoh, markers, coloring books, art paper, and playing cards. They joy on their faces as they presented this stuff was priceless. There is nothing better than a child with a philanthropic heart



### Community Services

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***"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you" Princess Diana***

While the majority of service projects Kiwanians do are not "random" they are certainly done with no expectation of reward. We serve to make a difference. Kudos go to all the clubs in the Ohio District making a difference in your communities.

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Granville!

Their project, Granville Fourth of July Festival, was selected to be the official entry for the Ohio District to the Kiwanis International Signature Project Recognition Program and Contest. Great job!

Hopefully the weather will become more spring like soon! Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Arbor Day is April 28<sup>th</sup>. Both of these dates provide great service opportunities. Schedule a clean -up day at a local park, plant a tree(s) or sponsor an environmental themed coloring contest.

Remember to access the 102 Literacy Projects ideas list at [ohiokiwani.org](http://ohiokiwani.org) to review potential service projects. School will soon be out for the summer (hard to believe). Find out what summer reading programs are available for kids in the community and how your Kiwanis club might be able to be involved. Also, remember to report the literacy projects you complete

## Don't Miss the 60th Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing



The Ohio Kiwanis Foundation and its golf committee are actively planning and excited for this summer's 60th Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing. The event will include prizes by age group for all senior teams, non-senior teams as well as prizes for all female teams. The date of this year's event is Wednesday June 28. **New this year is a shotgun start at 10:00am.** Registration and sponsorship forms are available at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org) under the event which can be found from the rotating display or visiting the June events calendar and opening the golf outing link on the June 28 date. Online registration will require credit card payment. To pay by check please print the appropriate registration or sponsorship form and mail it with payment to the address on the form.

The event continues to be sponsored by the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation making a portion of the registration fee and all sponsorship donations tax deductible, and the net proceeds will be available to help support Foundation projects. The event will be held at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Canton, Ohio again this year. Tam O'Shanter is located at 5055 Hills & Dales Road NW, Canton, very near I-77. As always, this event is open to the entire Kiwanis family and all friends of Kiwanis.

The format of play will be a scramble. There will be games of skill on the course with prizes. In certain categories, there will be separate skill prizes for men, women and seniors. Mulligans will be available for all golfers.

The price of this year's event remains at \$85.00 if paid by May 28 and includes lunch, golf, cart, prizes, and a great dinner. The registration fee will increase to \$90.00 after this date. To continue to make this event a success and help raise funds for the many projects and grants supported by the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation, sponsorships will again be sold. Sponsorship levels are as follows; a hole sponsorship for \$100.00, a par sponsorship for \$250.00, a birdie sponsorship for \$325.00, an eagle sponsorship for \$400.00, a double eagle sponsorship for \$500.00, and an ace sponsorship for \$1,000.00. The hole sponsorship will get a professional sponsor sign on one hole with special recognition in the dinner program. The par sponsor will receive a sign on each course, special recognition in the dinner program plus golf and dinner for one person. The birdie sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for two. The eagle sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for three. The double eagle sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for four. The ace sponsor includes all the benefits of the double eagle sponsor plus individual signage at the event. We need strong support in sponsorships to help keep the tournament at the quality level everyone has come to expect and benefit the Foundation.

Please mark your calendars and arrange your teams now to take advantage of the great fun, food and fellowship that takes place at this event every year. The event is held rain or shine. No cancellations can be accepted after June 20, 2017. If anyone needs help with lodging arrangements, please contact us by May 26. Please encourage your club to send one or more foursomes to this great District event. If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact either Dave Kuhn (330) 730-6254 or Bill Flinta (330) 801-6225. Thanks for supporting this event. We look forward to seeing everyone in June.

**Attention Delegates and Club Secretaries:** Online voting delegate submission for the Kiwanis International Convention in Paris has been enabled on each club's secretary dashboard; club secretaries; assistant secretaries and presidents can now login to [www.kiwanis.org/login](http://www.kiwanis.org/login), to access their dashboards, and report their voting delegates directly to KI.

From the form, clubs can submit the names of their two primary delegates and their two alternate delegates from the list of members on their club rosters, and electronically certify the submission. **Please note, submitting a list of delegates is NOT the same as registering for convention.**

International and district leaders that are automatically certified as delegates-at-large need not submit a delegate form - *unless they will be representing a club of which they are an active member.* If representing a specific club they are a member of, these individuals will relinquish their delegate-at-large status.

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The last few months have been exciting for the Ohio District New Club Building team. Members of the Ohio District have been busy either opening new clubs or making preparations for starting new projects. In Division 10S a Club Opening team led by Governor-Elect Dan Litzinger and Rita Corbin have been working in Groveport, OH to bring a new Kiwanis club to the area. By the end of April, we should have 15 new members and a new club in the Ohio District. In the

Grafton Midview area, Lt. Governor Celeste Brlas along with Bob Williams and Vee Reifsnyder have been busy preparing members of Division 13 to head out into the community and invite community-minded individuals to open a new club. These are just two examples of the projects being worked on in Ohio.

To grow Kiwanis and share Kiwanis with others we need to start opening new Kiwanis clubs and sharing our passion of service by recruiting members to the club. I recently sent an email to all of the Lt. Governors asking for their help in identifying members who might be willing to help open new clubs. Hopefully several of you will be willing to help us open new clubs and ensure Kiwanis is around for another 100 years. Kiwanis International and the Ohio District have the resources and experienced people to train and guide you thru the process. The future of Kiwanis and our communities depend on Kiwanians like you sharing your love of community and service with other communities across Ohio. I hope many of you will step up and contact your Lt. Governor and let them know that you are willing to help.

For more information on the Club Opening process please don't hesitate to contact me at: [rulmes@natca.net](mailto:rulmes@natca.net) or [937-524-7300](tel:937-524-7300)

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**Plans for Ohio District Convention are "Taking Flight"!**

Dayton, The Birthplace of Aviation, and the eleven clubs of Division 4 look forward to hosting Ohio Kiwanians and their guests at the **100th Annual Ohio District Convention** August 11-13 at the Dayton Convention Center. Planning is well underway for an engaging educational program and informal opportunities to meet and share ideas with Kiwanians from communities large and small.

The convention service project is all about books! We want each club in the District to bring 100 donated books for kids and adults. Books will go to local literacy programs as part of first family literacy project, **"Today's Readers, Tomorrow's Leaders."** More to details to follow...

The convention opens Friday evening with a fun night of trivia and barbeque planned by Governor Bill Flinta and Peggy. Saturday features the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation annual meeting, education workshops, a fellowship lunch, the Delegate Session and the annual Governor's Banquet. Sunday's program includes a prayer service and memorial for our departed Kiwanians followed by a festive installation brunch for incoming Governor Dan Litzinger and additional 2017-18 officers and lieutenant governors.

Online registration for the convention opens June 1. Early bird registration will be \$75 through July 14 and includes Saturday's fellowship luncheon. A block of rooms has been arranged at the adjoining Crowne Plaza Hotel; a rate of \$109 plus tax will be available August 10-12. Online registration for Crowne Plaza is now open.

Come to Dayton – it's the "Wright" place to be!

We can't wait to see you in August.

**Kiwanis**  
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**August 11-13, 2017**

**100th Ohio District Convention!**

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**New Club:** I would like to welcome the Aktion Club of Licking County to the Ohio Aktion Club District. The club is sponsored by the Newark, Heath-Moundbuilders, and Granville Kiwanis Clubs. They had their Charter Party in December and have been very active. Welcome and congratulations to the Kiwanians who have formed and worked with this club.

**Mid Year Wrap Up:** For the second year, Aktion Club members attended the Kiwanis Mid Year Conference in

March. There were 6 clubs in attendance. The Aktion Club Service Workshop was a great time for members to share their favorite service projects. Aktion Club members are busy volunteers – working at recycling centers, cleaning up parks and playgrounds, helping Kiwanis Clubs, and more. Great ideas came from the workshop, so look for some new ways we will be recognizing members at the Aktion Club Convention this summer.

**Aktion Club Convention:** Mark your calendar – Aktion Club Convention is August 26, 2017 at the Medina County Board of DD's Achievement Center. Thank you in advanced to the Medina Aktion Club and Kiwanis Clubs for hosting this amazing day! More information and registration will come out closer to the event. We are hoping for a great turnout for a day that will be filled with workshops, service projects, contests, fun, and fellowship.

**Contests:** Now is the time to start preparing for the Contests. They will be judged at the Aktion Club Convention in August. However, clubs can submit the Scrapbook, poster, T-shirt, and Single Service Awards to me prior to the Convention for inclusion. We are very excited about this year's contests since members were so successful at the International level last year.

Contests are first judged at the Ohio level at the Aktion Club Convention (and prizes/certificates are awarded), and then the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners are submitted to Kiwanis International for the International contest.

This year's theme is COURAGE TO ENGAGE. I recommend that Advisors and Kiwanians spend some time at an Aktion Club meeting discussing what it means to have the courage to engage. This can be a great program for the meeting and a way for members to express their feelings about the service they are doing in the community. The courage to engage can be about trying new service projects, talking with or helping new people, taking on leadership roles at projects, or working with other levels of the Kiwanis Family. We all have hesitation about our interactions with others or new projects. Talking with Aktion Club members can further develop their social skills and self-confidence. This theme can be empowering.

**Speech:** Discuss how you discovered the COURAGE TO ENGAGE. Give examples how you found your courage through Aktion Club.

**Poster:** Draw a picture of a time when you were ENGAGING in your club or community. (Courage to engage).

**T-shirt:** Create a design for a t-shirt that shows your COURAGE TO ENGAGE in your club and/or community.

**Single Service:** With fellow club members, tell about a service project where you ENGAGED your community.

**Scrapbook:** With fellow club members, create a scrapbook showing the events, service and fundraisers of your Aktion Club year. *Have your club start this now! This can be a long term project that is enjoyed by the members.*

For further details on the requirements of these contests, visit the site below for the CONTEST BOOKLET. Forms and requirements are included. When it states that the entries are due to the Administrator by September 15, in Ohio we collect and judge them at the Ohio Convention on August 26<sup>th</sup>. (So we can present Ohio-level awards.) [http://www.aktionclub.org/Libraries/Contests\\_and\\_Awards/Contest\\_Booklet-2015-16.sflb.ashx](http://www.aktionclub.org/Libraries/Contests_and_Awards/Contest_Booklet-2015-16.sflb.ashx)

There is also the Tom E. Crawford Service Award is awarded in Ohio for the Club with the best overall service award. The application will be provided to the advisors.

Please feel free to contact me about Aktion Club.



## Club Leadership Education (CLE) 2017

Each year Kiwanis provides instruction for our leaders; from the International President and officers to the Presidents-elect and secretaries at the club level. The education is provided to prepare each Kiwanis leader for their year in leadership. The Ohio District and Kiwanis International have a goal to see that every President-elect in the Ohio District receives this instruction.



## Leadership Development

Dr. Dennis Lehman

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CLE is held on Saturdays in May and June each year throughout the Ohio District. Certified Instructors are assigned and materials are provided by the Ohio District and Kiwanis International. The instruction is for four hours on the Saturday mornings selected. All the instruction will cover the same information, so the Presidents-elect can attend any location. The CLE instruction is also provided on-line at the Kiwanis International web site.

The Club Leadership Education is a valuable tool each year for the Presidents-elect as they consider goals and directions for their clubs when they serve as President. This year there will be more information about the Formula and "Eye of the tiger", as well as "nuts and bolts" information about leading a Kiwanis Club. There is always something to learn, especially from the interaction with other Kiwanians at the CLE sessions. Also, this year we are encouraging the club Presidents-elect, secretaries, and other club officers to attend CLE as a team in order to start working together. CLE should be a priority for each President-elect as they prepare for leadership, even if they have served previously. Your club deserves your best effort and preparation. So, plan now to attend a CLE session in your area. CLE will be held on May 13 and 20 and June 3, 10, in selected locations. The locations will be provided by the Lt. Governors-elect and will be available the first part of April. We hope to see you at CLE 2016!

Please check the Ohio District web site ([www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org)) for the CLE 2017 schedule. Also, it is very important that you email Sarah Roush at [sarah@ohiokiwanis.org](mailto:sarah@ohiokiwanis.org) to register for the location you will attend. We need to know how many will attend to prepare properly and we also need at least 5 in attendance.



**Kiwanis International** has partnered with Scholastic Books to help Kiwanis Clubs provide affordable and enjoyable reading materials to children. Current and classic books are available through their extensive selection and there are a couple of simple and easy ways clubs (and even individuals) can get involved.

**School Book Fairs** Most School Districts have a book fair at some point each school year. <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/> will take you directly to the scholastic website. Under "Find a Book Fair" type in your zip code and it will list all the *active* book fairs within your geographic area. Typically during the Book Fair, there will be a link where you can shop on-line. This allows you to purchase books for a specific child OR there is a "Wish List" for classrooms and the library. Individuals (or organizations) can purchase books to donate and they can be inscribed with a short message! What a great way for a parent or grandparent to encourage their child's love of reading than by having books donated in that child's honor to a classroom or library? Book Fairs are typically held in the fall or spring. Check with your local school district for more information.

**Scholastic Literacy Partnership** <http://www.scholastic.com/lp> is the link where your Kiwanis Club can sign up to become a Literacy Partner. This partnership allows for deep discounts on books, free shipping, free books and a variety of programs to enhance reading skills. An example is the "My Book Summer Classroom Sets. The Summer Grade 4 STEM set (\$525.50) provides 30 sets of five books each, "think sheets" which help develop reading skills and reinforces learning. Summer reading journals to encourage students to document their reading activities, and a program guide that helps parents plan and implement reading programs.

**Parent Resources:** <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/> is a link that provides resources to parents who want to raise a family of readers, but, may not know how. This link is full of suggestions to make reading fun and a lifelong habit, as well as information on child development. Be sure to check out the "printable" section for fun activities for children.

## Fellowship & Interclub

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InterClub – A Kiwanis activity where Kiwanians enjoy fellowship, have fun and share experiences with others in the Kiwanis family.

Ask a group of Kiwanians 'what is Kiwanis?' and you'll likely get a different answer from most; you will probably hear 'we build', 'serving the children of the world', '...a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.' (our defining statement). Stay with the discussion and you'll

soon hear our OBJECTS, an important part of Kiwanis since they were adopted in 1924.

Now you may be thinking what does this have to do with InterClubs? which brings us to:

**Object 5: To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.**

An InterClub is a traditional Kiwanis activity, a basic means of addressing one of our Objects, our guiding principles.

The Kiwanis member year is past the halfway point. Clubs are busy with spring activities, anticipating the end of the school year and looking forward to summer. Interclubs are a means to gather ideas, improve your members' club experience and stretch your club's capacity for service in your community. Recently, due in part to InterClub visits, the Chair of my home Club's pancake committee was able to gather ideas to improve our fundraising efforts. While this year's Pancake Breakfast event was the best in recent memory due in large part to a dedicated committee of members who implemented ideas for improvement from last year, we now have a new batch of ideas to further improve next year's effort. Improved Fundraising supports Increased Service.

Look around your Division or an adjacent Division. Look to that Club seen as a success by others. Take three of your members and pay them a visit. Talk with them about what works for them and what you want to improve in your Club. Consider how you can increase your Club's service and fundraising based on their ideas. Enjoy their program, make some new friends and gather ideas to improve your Club members' experience.

Visit one of your area Kiwanis Clubs. You'll find it easy to enter a group of strangers and leave as friends when you are under the Kiwanis banner because the underlying purpose for the gathering is service to children.

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 specified criteria. To be eligible for these recognitions, Clubs must report all InterClubs to Kiwanis International on the club monthly report and the submission form in the District Directory must be completed and returned to me by October 15, 2017.

To learn more, consult the District Directory or contact me @ [1218odk@gmail.com](mailto:1218odk@gmail.com).

### **2016-2017 Interclub and Fellowship Contest Criteria**

Participating in Interclubs and fellowshiping with other members of the Kiwanis family is a great way to share ideas among clubs and members of the Kiwanis family. It is also fun and educational. Each club that completes the criteria below will be eligible for a banner patch recognizing their level of interclub achievement.

#### **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).

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## **Interclubbing... cont.**

### **Gold Level**

Interclub with at least twelve different Kiwanis Clubs, including at least one Kiwanis Club outside your home Division, one with a Kiwanis SLP organization, one at a Division Council meeting, and one at a District sponsored event (cannot count as the out of Division event). In addition, one interclub must be a literacy- related service project done jointly with an SLP organization.

To be eligible for these recognitions, the submission form found in the District Directory must be completed and returned to Brad Kunze, District Interclub Chair, P.O. Box 401, Bellefontaine, OH 43311 by October 15, 2017. Additionally, all Interclubs must be reported to Kiwanis International on the club monthly report.

#### *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?*

Local Kiwanis Clubs, Kiwanis Division Events, Kiwanis District Events, Kiwanis International Events, K Kids Club, Builders Club, Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs, Internet Clubs, Aktion Clubs, and Golden K Clubs.

#### *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.

*Information regarding all Ohio District Kiwanis Club Contests can be found in either the Ohio District Kiwanis Directory or on the Ohio District Kiwanis website: <http://ohiokiwanis.org/Page/968> Review contest criteria now and plan on entering the different contests. Deadlines vary.*



### First Family Project

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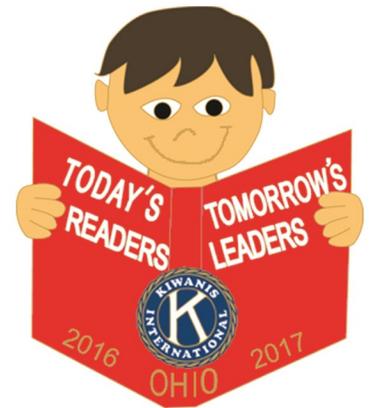
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Bill and I have been enjoying our official visits throughout the state and hearing about the wonderful service that is being provided by the Kiwanis clubs in the Ohio District. Of particular interest to me are all of the First Family Literacy Projects that have been shared with us. We are happy to hear that so many Kiwanians have been enjoying this project and have found ways to serve their communities, schools, and underserved areas with their creativity. Book drives, book exchanges, and donations abound. Kiwanians are not only reading to children but having the privilege of being lucky listeners, too!

Dictionaries, class sets of books, and books to restock libraries have been donated to schools. Books have been donated to pregnancy centers, hospitals, food pantries, doctors' offices, crisis centers, and homeless shelters. Little Free libraries have been built and are stocked and maintained. Kiwanians are sharing the love of reading through so many different means.

Literacy needs do not end when school is over, and as a matter of fact, the end of the school year opens up some opportunities for literacy projects. Check in at your local schools with the principal or guidance counselors and see if there are needs that you can help fill. How wonderful would it be for students who do not have books in their home to be able to have some of their very own to read over the summer? Many junior high and high schools have required reading for students over the summer, but this is an added expense for their families to purchase, and perhaps some of these titles could be donated to share with students in need. Summer lunch programs, day cares, and recreation programs will be hosting many students over the summer. What a wonderful distribution opportunity! Even better, what about a visit from a real author or literary character? The possibilities are endless and I am sure that your clubs and divisions will continue to use your creativity to bring children and books together over the summer months.

Speaking of making books accessible to children, Little Golden Books is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! 1942 was the height in America's involvement in the war, and little children on the home front needed to be comforted. What a better way than with books! Little Golden Books were less expensive (25 cents) than other picture books (\$2- \$3), and were sold in the grocery stores and dime stores. The books even had a place for the child to write their name in it, making it their very own! I have always been very fond of these little treasures, and many of you had a favorite that you remember still. It seems that even back then, Little Golden Books knew that Today's Readers would become Tomorrow's Leaders!



Keep up the great service!

## Division 6 Kiwanis Celebrate Student Achievements

The 6<sup>th</sup> Division of the Ohio District of Kiwanis hosted their 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Recognition Luncheon. The luncheon and the presentation of an Award Certificate gives recognition to outstanding scholastic students from the senior classes at High Schools in Greater Cincinnati, emphasizing their achievements, honoring their abilities and encouraging them to greater efforts. More than 2,640 students have received KIWANIS CERTIFICATES OF MERITORIOUS ACHEIVEMENT throughout the programs 62 year history.

At this year's luncheon Patricia Smitson, the Cincinnati Director of the American Red Cross spoke about all that the Red Cross does in our community and in the United States. She also emphasized that there is a need for volunteers for various Red Cross projects and programs throughout the year, a source for those looking for community service projects.



Jerry Schwartz, Past Lt. Gov. of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division and a member of the Cleves Three Rivers Kiwanis Club honored each student by enumerating their various accomplishments, presenting each with an Award Certificate.

All of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division Clubs, Cheviot Westwood, Cincinnati, Cleves Three Rivers, Greenhills-Forest Park, Harrison, Riverfront, Riverview-Delhi and White Oak-Monfort Hts. contributed funds so that we could hold this event.