And The Winners Are...

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Clubs of Brecksville in Division 24 and Reading in Division 6 for being the winners of the May membership contest resulting in one free registration each to our Ohio District Kiwanis Convention. Each of these clubs increased membership by a net 2 new members for the month of May, and although not a contest requirement, both have had positive club growth since the beginning of the year. There were twelve clubs in Ohio in the month of May that qualified for this drawing, so thank you to all clubs who qualified and to all of our Ohio Kiwanis clubs that are continuing to work to increase membership in their clubs.

Speaking of club growth and membership, welcome to the Kiwanis Club of Groveport Madison in Division 10S, our newest club in the Ohio District. It is exciting to think of the new service that will occur in this community because of this new club. New clubs are also in active formation stages in Grafton (Division 13) and Cleveland Heights (Division 15). Several other new clubs are in the early stages of discussion and planning. Thanks to all who are working to make these new clubs a reality and for your willingness to share your love for Kiwanis.

With all this membership talk, what has your club done to promote membership this year? Have you had a special guest meeting or run a recruitment drive yet this year? What about you personally, have you invited a friend or colleague to a meeting? Has your Club or Division discussed where might we build a new club to meet some unmet needs in an underserved area near you? Have you attended one of the regional club strengthening events held this year? These are all important questions and actions we need to consider and take to continue to meet the growing service needs to the children of our communities and to preserve and grow the Kiwanis history of service.

I encourage each of you to want to share your passion for Kiwanis and service to your community by actively pursuing membership activities in your community. If you club would like to learn more about club strengthening and new member techniques please reach out to your Lt. Governor, our Formula Chairs, Bill Snellgrove (governor_bill@columbus.rr.com) and Rich Ulmes (rulmes@nata.net), or myself at gobuckspbf@sbcglobal.net to learn how our trained group of new club builders and club coaches can help you to achieve these goals of growth. In addition to receiving this personal help there will be several membership related workshops at the Ohio Kiwanis District Convention in Dayton August 10-13.

For the future success in serving the children of the world we all need share the Formula vision of Love it, Share it. Live it!
District Secretary’s Notes

I would like to take a moment as I open this column to thank the entire district for the many cards and messages telling my daughter and me how much you were thinking of and praying for us as we underwent our kidney transplant in April. The operation went very well and I feel that my daughter has given me the opportunity to lead a more normal life and to see my grandchildren grow up. I can’t tell you how well I feel as the kidney she donated to me is working perfectly. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming district convention and thanking you personally for your concern.

Election Reports

Most of your clubs have held your annual club elections by now, but only 88 clubs (40% of all clubs in Ohio) have filed your Election Reports through the Secretary Dashboard of Portalbuzz. Without filing your reports online, the information may not be getting to either Kiwanis International or the Ohio District. This makes it very difficult for both Kiwanis International and the district to prepare our annual directories. Please remind your Club Secretary to do this. It is quite simple and easy. On the Secretary’s Dashboard, right above the list of your current officers, you will see the current year (2016-17) listed. To the right of the year you will see a triangle. Clicking on the triangle allows you to select next year and then you can proceed to enter your newly elected officers. As they enter the name of the new officer, the information prefills in the report. Please feel free to call Sarah Roush or me in the District Office at (614) 848-5000.

District Convention

Planning is proceeding with our 2017 District Convention. A considerable amount of information concerning the convention has been uploaded to the District Convention page of our district website at www.ohiokiwanis.org, including the link to register online for the convention and a tentative schedule of events taking place in Dayton, Ohio this August. Please check it out and let us know if you have any questions.

Have news to share?

The Buckeye Bulletin is always looking to share good news about the terrific service that our clubs are doing. To share your club’s story in the Buckeye Bulletin, please submit an attached photo of your club members in action. A brief description of the project and who will be benefitting from the activity should be included. If this is a signature project or a new project that information should be included as well.

You never know, your project could inspire another club in the district to do something similar in their community. We are also interested in your Service Leadership Program clubs’ activities, since they often do amazing projects with minimal resources available to them.

Send articles to: secretary@ohiokiwanis.org. We will use them as space allows.
Kiwanis One Day

A reminder that Kiwanis One Day is now observed in October. This year it is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. Kiwanis One Day is a great opportunity to involve the entire Kiwanis family in meaningful community service.

Most important, it is vital to plan in advance. Since the event will occur in the 2017-18 Kiwanis year consideration might be given to assigning project planning to a committee chaired by the recently elected club president-elect.

With respect to planning, a Kiwanis One Day toolkit can be accessed from the Kiwanis International website. It provides a comprehensive review of successful project planning and implementation. Media reporting sources are also included.

Involving your SLPs also provides the opportunity to include parents and other adults in your service project and an opportunity to promote Kiwanis service and membership. Since the date falls close Halloween perhaps you could work up a themed event such as “repel the zombie weeds from the local park”.

How Will You Honor Your Club/Division Leaders?

As we enter the last few months of the 2016-17, many clubs and divisions will consider ways to honor their leaders. Although there was a name change from Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) to Kiwanis Children’s Fund (KCF) the mechanisms to honor our leaders have remained constant.

George F. Hixson Fellowship In 1983, the Kiwanis Children’s Fund established the George F. Hixson Fellowship. Named for Kiwanis International’s first president, Hixson Fellowships are awarded to donors who give US$1,000 or more to the Children’s Fund.* It’s a way of recognizing people who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis’ history of generosity. In fact, clubs can give this honor to their leaders—recognizing their help and commitment with a Hixson Fellowship.

Tablet of Honor The Tablet of Honor is the only recognition that can only be given to an individual to honor or memorialize them. With a gift of US$2,000 or more, honorees (or their family members) receive the Tablet of Honor which notes that a gift was made specifically in their name. The Tablet of Honor is a wonderful way to pay tribute to an individual in the event of a death, anniversary or other significant occasion.

Kiwanis Leadership Society When you make a gift of $250 your club will induct the honoree into the society. This option is especially effective when you want to honor multiple individuals such as outgoing club presidents or other officers, district governors or lieutenant governors.

Donations to these opportunities can be made on-line at www.kiwanisone.org/childrensfund/
If you have any other questions please email me at faith.kiwanis2015@gmail.com. Of course I would be honored to join you in presenting any of these awards/fellowships.
Dayton is Ready for Kiwanis! Are You Ready for Dayton?

Our 100th District Convention is just around the corner. August will be here before you know it. It is time to get registered! Online and manual registration is now open. Convention will take place August 11-13 at the Dayton Convention Center. The Convention Committee has been working diligently to get everything ready.

District Convention is a great opportunity to learn all about Kiwanis along with strategies to build, maintain and improve Kiwanis family clubs. Fellow Kiwanians will lead multiple education sessions that are sure to get you excited about the impact Kiwanis makes in locally and as a whole.

DCON also introduces us to new leaders at the district level and allows us to elect future leaders. It is a wonderful time to get to know those who are serving our state. We will also vote any new or changing bylaws. So be sure to make your vote count.

Delegate packets have been mailed out and need to be returned prior to the convention.

While at DCON, you can support our foundation by bidding on a multitude of themed baskets in the Basket Room. You can shop for Kiwanis merchandise and see lots of cool stuff at all of the vendor booths.

Along with Kiwanis business and education, DCON is a great way to mingle with your Kiwanis brothers and sisters, see the local sites and have lots of fun!

Our host city, Dayton, is rich with history and proud to be the hometown of the Wright Brothers. It is known for innovation, flight and all kinds of entertainment. Make some time to take in the city, see the sites, be amazed by the US Air Force museum, stroll the streets of Oregon District, and most importantly...enjoy!

Ohio’s 100th convention will open Friday evening with a fun night of trivia and a Taste of Italy buffet planned by Governor Bill Flinta and First Lady 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.

Early bird convention registration will be $75 through July 14 and includes Saturday's fellowship lunch-eon. 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 (Rooms must be reserved by July 19 to guarantee rate and availability).

We're moving into our second century of service so let's make our 100th Convention the best one yet!

We look forward to seeing you...

On To District Convention
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KIDS NEED PEOPLE TO LOOK OUT FOR THEM. #KidsNeedKiwans
Aktion Club Convention:

Barnyard Bash

The Ohio Aktion Club Convention is August 26, 2017 at the Medina County Board of DD’s Achievement Center. The theme is "Barnyard Bash."

Some highlights for the convention:

**Contests** – This year’s theme for the contests is "Courage to Engage." For the Speech Contest, members are asked to speak about how they discovered the “Courage to Engage.” Members should give examples of when they found the courage to engage in Aktion Club. The Poster Contest asks members to draw a picture of a time when they were engaging in the club or community. The Scrapbook Contest should show events, service and fundraisers from the year. Contest winners will be presented along with the Tom E. Crawford Award for Community Service.

**Barnyard Bash Games** – This year, attendees will get to try out games that have a barnyard theme. Last year’s activity time was a huge success!

**Workshops** – There will be several rounds of workshop options to broaden members’ understanding of their roles in Aktion Club, provide service ideas, and more. The committee is currently working on the schedule of workshops.

Registration Options:

**Saturday Registration** - $30.00 per attendee – includes continental breakfast, lunch, breaks, Convention T-Shirt, Activities, and more. $2 extra charge for shirts 2X-4X.

**T-Shirts** (for those not in attendance) can be ordered. Pre-orders only. - $10 for sizes S, M, L, XL and $12 for sizes 2X, 3X, 4X

Registration Forms must be postmarked by Friday, June 24th to guarantee T-Shirt. **Registrations will be accepted through Friday, August 11th.**

We can use Kiwanians’ help by donations of prizes, service project ideas, pens, notepads, craft supplies, and anything else. We want to make this a very special event for Aktion Club Members.

I would like to thank the Kiwanis Club in Medina and the Aktion Club of Medina County for helping to plan the Convention!

Please contact Ohio Aktion Administrator Jennifer Weinberg at jldelfrance@gmail.com or 330-591-8388 with any questions. Thank you!

Did You Know?

You can find back issues of the Buckeye Bulletin at www.ohiokiwanis.org? Our district website also provides resources for our clubs such as information on district committees chairs, event registration documents and links.

Links to different websites for District entities, such as Key Leader, Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and our Service Leadership Programs can also be located at this helpful site.

Be sure to share this “well-kept secret with your new members and in your club newsletter.
Summer is here and what a great time to toss around ideas for Builders Club projects for the new year. I hope most of you held elections before the end of the school year so your officers get some training and are ready to start the new year of service.

Kiwanians, if your club does not sponsor a Builders Club in your middle school, now is the time to brainstorm, contact the appropriate administrator, find advisors (school and Kiwanis), and download the Charter materials.

I’m here to help if you need me. I will be at the District convention in August and will be chairing a session about Builders Clubs. I’m hoping to make this session a time to ask questions and share ideas about projects and fund-raisers...what has worked and what hasn’t.

Have a great summer and hope to see you at convention.

The Shelby County Aktion Club demonstrated their support of the Little Free Library program in Sidney.

A bench was recently added for people to sit on while reading. A donated bench was painted by two Aktion Club member of Spirit and Hands Art Studio at S&H Products Inc. This is a Day Habilitation Services Facility for individuals with developmental challenges.

The Little Free Library is at the Salvation Army in Sidney, Ohio. The Actual Library was donated by the Sidney Daily News.

Online Registration for the District Convention is now available Visit the DCON page on our District Website:

http://www.ohiokiwanis.org/Page/982
The Ohio District New Club opening team is in full swing. Just last month we saw the opening of the Groveport Madison club led by Governor-Elect Dan Litzinger and past Lt. Gov. Rita Corbin. The club has a great core group of new members and we are excited to see their enthusiasm in wanting to open a new Key Club in the Groveport Madison High School.

In Division 13 Lt. Governor Celeste Brlas with the help of Club Openers Bob Williams and Vee Reifsnyder are busy recruiting new members to start up a club in the Grafton Midview area. They will be holding their next informational meeting on June 20 and hope to have a new club opened in early July.

In Division 15 Lt. Governor Farai Malianga and division secretary Hasani Wheat are working with Club Opener Tim Mohr on opening a new club in Cleveland Heights.

Division 10E is in the early stages of working on opening a new club in the Buckeye Lake area.

So, you can see your district is hard at work trying to bring new clubs to areas that need the Kiwanis brand of service. If you would like to be part of our great team of club openers and club coaches please feel free to contact me.

The Mt. Gilead Park Avenue K-Kids are at it again and this time they supported a local non-profit geared toward moms and babies!

On May 13th a ME AND MOM FUN NIGHT was held at Park Avenue Elementary. Moms and kids enjoyed music, refreshments, and played various "Minute to Win It" challenges. A great time was had by all, and they were able to raise $317 to donate to Heartbeat of Morrow County. Heartbeat’s mission is to provide women with various resources during pregnancy, offering parenting programs, medical care and support services. They operate solely by the support of donations from the community and the children felt this was appropriate given the Mother’s Day timing of the event. Way to go Kids!
It’s the hashtag that you as a Kiwanian have been seeing and hearing about for months now, and it is never more in fashion than when applied to Eliminate. The children born to mothers who may or may not have a tetanus shot are wanted and needed, but without our help, they - and often their mothers - will surely die. And without children and the mother, there is little we can do to keep the family whole.

That is why it is so critically important that we all continue our work to fulfill our Eliminate pledges, whether it be individual or club pledges. And there are many ways to do this -

1. You can honor one of your members, an officer, etc. with a Zeller at $1,250; 2. You can start a special event such as a spaghetti dinner or golf outing, with proceeds going now to Eliminate and later to support one of our partnerships; or 3. You can participate in “Save a Baby a Day”, in which the $1.80 you spend daily will save a life. What a wonderful gift to give yourself and someone else each day!

I would ask that all Kiwanians consider stopping by our Eliminate booth at the August district convention. There you will find fun, raffles, maybe games and yes, our continuing sale of gently used merchandise. ALL funds raised are contributed to the Eliminate project in a very fun way!

Please let me know how I can help you recognize your club members at District convention, a club event or just simply share in the knowledge that together, we have all made a difference in the life of a child. And isn’t that what Kiwanis is all about?

Kiwanis International has partnered with Protect America, a leading provider of wireless home security in North America.

Protect America offers home security systems that use wireless technology. Homeowners can download apps to their smart phones, giving them control of and access to the protection system. Protect America has secured more than 500,000 homes and is rated No. 1 by BestCompany.com and has been rated a Consumers Digest Best Buy for the past five years.

“Kids need Kiwanis, and our club members spend many hours each week on service projects, at fundraising events and at club meetings,” said Stan Soderstrom, executive director of Kiwanis International. “We believe this partnership with Protect America will provide a great benefit at a great price to our members.”

The partner benefit will be available to Kiwanis members in the United States and North America. More information is at protectamerica.com/kiwanis.
Texting and tweeting are very commonplace these days. Both practices have created unique ways to communicate limited by characters, etc. So “talk to you later” becomes “TTYL” and “laughing out loud” is “LOL”. Here are a few Kiwanis phrases to consider: ODKS, HKCWCW and PBCFD.

Of course, we all understand that community service projects often require fund raising to support those projects. As Community Service chair, I have had the opportunity to hear about the many different fund-raising events within the Ohio Kiwanis District. Many clubs have long running, signature fund raisers.

What makes these events successful?

There are three “P’s” to be considered in successful fund raising: planning, presentation and profitability. Planning is self-explanatory. Presentation refers to making the event enjoyable and well branded with the Kiwanis name. Finally, profitability needs to be evaluated. Are all the efforts yielding adequate returns? When the “P’s” are well balanced a fund-raising event should be successful. If any component is out of balance, make the necessary adjustment and evaluate the end result.

Still thinking about those Kiwanis phrases? They represent “out doing Kiwanis service”, “helping Key Club with car wash” and “planning Builders’ Club fun day”

What's in Your Basket?

Is it a Baby Basket? Loaded with baby shampoo, diapers, and rubber duckies? Or maybe a Movie Night Basket with popcorn, movie candy and of course a few DVD/BlueRay Discs. Of course you can’t forget about your favorite puppy or kitty with a Pet Basket that would include pet treats and toys. A basket that is ALWAYS a buyer’s favorite is a gift card or lottery ticket basket.

These are just a few ideas but here are a few tips.
1. The baskets that have the most activity are valued at approx. $50.
2. Make sure that ALL the elements of your basket are easily seen.
3. If you are including any kind of gift card, please be sure that the gift card is not limited to a specific geographic region.
4. Think “outside of the basket” and have fun with your design.

The DCON Silent Gift Basket Auction is one of the major fund raisers for the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Monies raised from the auction will be used for grants given back to Ohio District Clubs. The basket room will be available for basket drop-off beginning at 1 pm on Friday Aug 11. Even if your club is not going to DCON, please consider donating a basket. I'm sure your Lt. Gov would be willing to bring it to DCON. Have fun designing your basket!!

Wilder Elementary K-Kids in Westerville took a trip to The Ronald McDonald House recently to deliver several pounds of pop tabs they collected this year.

The children learned just how important these tabs were when they toured the beautiful facility and heard how important the Ronald McDonald House is to our community. As a special treat for their hard work, the K-Kids got to enjoy Happy Meal lunches from McDonald’s, where a small portion of money from these meals goes directly to the Ronald McDonald House charity.