

# Buckeye Bulletin

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

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**Governor**

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The new Club Building Blitz in Cleveland the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> was a success thanks to our Formula Team, the Eye of The Tiger Team lead by International President Jim Rochford and countless Kiwanis volunteers. I ask that you join me in giving a big Kiwanis thank you to all those who gave of their time for this effort. We opened five Clubs, Cuyahoga Falls,

Brook Park, University Circle, Avon and Mentor. Work is continuing to open Buckeye/Shaker Square and Aurora. We also still plan to work on opening Bedford/Bedford Heights at a later date. As a bonus, first-time club openers now have added skills that will be helpful in growing their own clubs and divisions.

This is the time of the year when election of officers for your Club needs to be completed as per our bylaws. I cannot stress enough the importance of getting this information reported even if your Club is not make any changes with officers this year. The Ohio District Directory is dependent on this information being entered as Sarah Roush attempts to complete the Directory we all depend on out by September. Unfortunately that never happens because Clubs fail to enter their information by June, she is forced to make dozens of phone calls to get the information. I do want to thank the majority of you who do get their elections completed and information entered in a timely manner. Club officers should take advantage of Certified Leadership Education sessions taking place throughout the state. We have more than a dozen dates available as well as on-line education opportunities.

The Las Vegas Convention at the end of June is fast approaching and for everyone registered, please sign up for the Ohio reception which will be Friday night the 29<sup>th</sup>. Dave Whiteman has sent out registration forms, so please return them immediately since we have to give the Hotel the number of attendees soon... This will be a fun time for us to all get together and fellowship with some great food and drink.

Be sure to look for information regarding the Ohio Convention August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Toledo as there will be lots of entertainment and educational offerings. This year's Convention is very special as it will feature all ten (10) original clubs celebrating their 100th year of Kiwanis. The registration is online at the Ohio Kiwanis web-site, so please register.

Please look for information on our Ohio Membership month as we need to continue to expand our existing Clubs. Anticipate seeing more information soon with plenty of incentives to grow your Club. Growth of our existing Clubs is very important and the Formula Team is available to help, so please reach out to find information and ideas on how to grow!

In closing First Lady Barb and I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas, in our travels around the district and at our Ohio Convention August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

## District Secretary's Notes

I would like to take a moment to thank the members of the Formula Blitz Team for the successful effort they had in Cleveland in early May. New clubs were organized in Avon (Division 13), Greater University Circle (Division 15), Cuyahoga Falls (Division 16), Mentor (Division 22), and Brook Park (Division 24). Let's see how high the district can go in Opening New Clubs! After all; ***Kids Need Kiwanis!***

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

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## Election Reports

Most of your clubs should have held your annual club elections by now, but only 51 clubs (23% of all clubs in Ohio) have filed your Election Reports through the Secretary Dashboard of Portalbuzz. This compares to 40% at this time last year. 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 (2017-18) 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 if you need assistance.

## District Convention

Planning is proceeding with our 2018 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](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org), including the link to register online for the convention and a tentative schedule of events taking place in Toledo, Ohio this August. The Ohio District will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Toledo and honoring the 10 clubs active in the district when it was formed in September 1918. Please check it out and make sure you don't miss all the fun!



### **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.

# Ohio District to Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

The 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International will be held from August 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> in Toledo, Ohio at the Park Inn Toledo, 101 North Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio and the SeaGate Convention Centre, 401 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. The convention committee is working very hard to put together an enjoyable event filled with fun and education, as well as the normal business of the district that must be handled each year.

The Ohio District will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the Banquet on Saturday evening. The district was formed at its first convention in Cleveland, Ohio in September of 1918. The original ten clubs in the district are still active and serving their communities and the Children of the World. The Kiwanis Clubs of Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Cincinnati, Canton, Youngstown, Akron, Delaware, and Newark will be honored at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday. If you are a member of one of those clubs, we want to encourage you to attend this year's convention to support your club!



You can find more information about the convention on the District Convention page of our district website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org). Online registration is now open, and the link is on our website, along with information to make your hotel reservation, as well as the convention Timeline. There are other activities taking place in Toledo that weekend, so we encourage you to make your room reservation early to guarantee that you secure a sleeping room. If you have any questions about the convention or the registration process, please give us a call in the district office at (614) 848-5000. We look forward to seeing you in Toledo!

## What Are You Waiting For?

A few months ago, I ended an article in the Buckeye Bulletin with a question. That question? What are you waiting for? My challenge to the readers was to seek out new members for our organization. We must be reminded that we will undoubtedly get a lot more negative responses, but we MUST keep trying. Even just one yes is worth a dozen no answers. However, our obligation does not end there.

Once we have a yes, we have to find ways to keep them involved; to keep them interested in what Kiwanis has to offer. Do your meetings reflect a welcoming environment? Are your officers positive and receptive to change? By the time you are reading this, your club should have had its officer elections for the 2018-2019 administrative year. (\*\*side note - please update the secretary dashboard with the election results).

There are currently 12 CLE (Club Leadership Education) sessions scheduled in the next few months, across the district, to help your newly elected officers learn more about their roles. Another great resource is the upcoming District Convention (DCON) to be held in Toledo, Ohio August 10-12. It is at this convention that we will elect new district officers, and celebrate some of the 2017-2018 administrative year. Additionally, and in my humble opinion, one of the highlights will be the plethora of educational sessions being offered this year. There are some really great topics including: **Transforming Presidents from good to great, Great Tips on using social media, 2018-2019 First Family Project, a Secretary Session, Key Leader, Opioids and our Youth, Treasurer Session, Circle K, Risk Management, Builders Club/K-Kids, Youth Protection Guidelines, Key Club and the Kiwanis Children's Fund.** All of these topics are intended to help make our clubs even better as we kick off the next administrative year. The educational sessions will take place over three rounds during the day Saturday at DCON.

It is my sincere hope that you or a representative from your club will participate in DCON and witness first hand all of the great things that it has to offer. You will surely take something back to your club to kick start some enthusiasm. Ultimately, there are some great resources being made available this summer. The question now becomes, will you and your club take advantage of them?



**Leadership Development and Education**

**Jason Miller**

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## Win a \$200 grant towards a laundromat reading corner!

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is ready to award two \$200 grants to fund reading corners in laundromats! These will be awarded at the Foundation meeting during the annual Ohio Kiwanis convention.

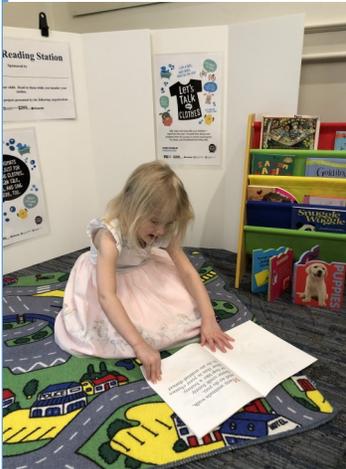
One of the most powerful ways to promote early literacy and parent engagement with their young children is providing materials that encourage both in venues where parents spend time with their children. This idea is most effective in venues where parents need to go for regular chores, that are easily accessible and not intimidating, where there isn't much stimulation available and where parents have significant "down time" that could be used for reading with young children. A prime candidate for these venues are laundromats, and ReadyNation is partnering with the Coin Laundry Association (CLA) to set up these Reading Corners in neighborhoods that serve disadvantaged families.

Each corner would consist of an attractive book holder; a rug that promotes letters, numbers and geometric shapes (if space allows); and books that parents can use in the moment. The wall around the station would be decorated with posters that have been created for the corners. Kiwanis members would be responsible for identifying a local laundromat, maintaining the site, and purchasing the supplies, including the initial set-up and replenishing new or gently used books.

Grant applications are due August 1, 2018. Please contact me at [jamartin-ja@gmail.com](mailto:jamartin-ja@gmail.com) for more information about the program or for the very short, one-page grant application form!



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Greetings Kiwanians,

I can't believe that summer time is here. This means the Ohio District Convention in Toledo is only a couple of months away. August 10 will be here before we know it. You will have another chance to help those children and families in need. There are so many families that need to go to



local food pantries in order to have enough food for their families.

On Friday evening, August 10, the Kiwanis Club of Toledo will be hosting a cookout for all attendees adjacent to the hotel in the Middle Ground Metro Park shelter house. The admission for all is \$10 and we request a donation of non-perishable food items that will be donated to Toledo North Western Ohio Food Bank in the name of the First Family Project of Ohio District Kiwanis. After the cookout there will be a concert a block from our hotel featuring K. C. and the Sunshine Band! Don't miss this!

If you are unable to make donations on Friday evening, there will be an opportunity to donate food on Saturday and Sunday. As you head to the Convention Center from the hotel you will pass through the Exhibit Hall. The booth for the First Family Project will be one of the first ones you see. You can leave your food donations there. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

I want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who have been active in helping hungry children this year! I am so happy to see some clubs continue their existing project for week-end food packs, and also those clubs who are in the process of beginning this important project. **You will make a difference in the lives of many children!**



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## **Aktion Club Convention – July 28, 2018**

The Aktion Club Convention is July 28, 2018 hosted by the Aktion Club of Westlake and Division 14 Kiwanis. The one-day event will be held at Lutheran West. Registration is \$30 which includes a t-shirt, lunch, activities, and speakers.

The Aktion Club Convention Committee is hard at work securing speakers and activities. Included in the activities and speakers are a speaker from the Tim Tebow Foundation, Camille Licate from Kids for Positive Change with a

hands on activity, and Eric and the Alligator Animal Show. The activities will be fun and inspirational for all who attend.

We will also have Contests at the Convention. The 2018 contest theme is ABILITY IN AKTION. Members are encouraged to participate in the following contests: **Video, Social Media, Speech, Poster, Single Service, and Scrapbook.** Complete guidelines are found at [www.aktionclub.org](http://www.aktionclub.org).

Attendance at the Convention has been a rewarding experience for the members that attend. There are workshops to learn more about Aktion Club, fun activities and speakers, contests, and awards. It is truly a great day.

**What can you do to support this event?** Kiwanis Clubs that sponsor an Aktion Club can encourage members to attend. Members may need financial assistance, a caregiver, or transportation to the convention. The registration form will be available by the end of May.

Kiwanians can also encourage participation in the Contests. Contests are a great way to reflect on the year and enhance the member's participation in the organization. Assist Aktion Club members by helping them prepare a speech about Ability in Aktion, provide supplies for a scrapbook or poster, or assist in filling out the Single Service forms.

If your club does not directly sponsor an Aktion Club, you can still help members by donating to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation's Aktion Club Leadership Fund. Donations to this fund will be used to help members attend the Aktion Club convention.

If you have any questions about Convention or Aktion Club, please feel free to contact me.

**The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club** volunteered at the Division 14 Kiwanis Beach Clean Up which was directed by Camille Licate from "Kids For Positive Change" as part of "Adopt A Beach" sponsored by the "Alliance For The Great Lakes".

"It was a beautiful day and a lot of trash was picked up. Our Aktion Club filled to large bucket with several pounds which is a lot considering we were mainly picking up plastic which isn't biodegradable.



Plenty of plastic straws, cigar tip, plastic bottle, bottle caps etc.

We had over 50 participants thanks mainly to Bay Village Kiwanis, Bay Village Key Club and Westlake Aktion Club. "



**Kiwanis Children's Fund**  
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*In February a strong earthquake struck eastern Taiwan. Buildings were destroyed, 40,000 homes are without water, and highways and bridges were closed. The Kiwanis District of Taiwan received a disaster relief grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund to supply clothing, blankets, cleaning supplies, first aid and toiletries to those in need. This is what the Kiwanis Children's Fund's Disaster Relief Grant program is for — to help Kiwanis clubs and districts meet crucial, immediate needs when disaster strikes...*

Thank you for your support of the Kiwanis Children's Fund. The generosity of the clubs that make Club gifts allows the Children's Fund to help our clubs and districts to extend their impact. That impact is not limited to disaster relief - your generosity helps send Key Clubbers to leadership programs, helps eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus and helped Cambodia continue its IDD efforts after it lost its primary source of iodized salt.

*Every year many low-income families face a decision most of us never will - food or school supplies? In a town where 25 percent of public-school students need assistance, the Kiwanis Club of Faribault, Minnesota, makes sure parents in their community aren't forced to choose. The Club's Supply Our Children program helps children arrive on the first day of school carrying a backpack filled with the required school supplies. And more kids get backpacks because our gifts allow the Kiwanis Children's Fund provide a grant to Faribault Kiwanians...*

Kiwanis' Children's Fund grants do more than fill a funding gap. Grant funding helps address an unmet need of children through a project that provides long-term benefits when sustained by a club. And by making a gift to the Kiwanis Children's Fund - as a club or an individual - we're helping fill a backpack with the school supplies in Faribault, Minnesota or your own home town.

Our gifts to the Kiwanis Children's Fund help improve our communities and the lives of children. They are vital to Kiwanis' mission by allowing the Children's Fund provide grants that serve disaster-relief efforts, Service Leadership Programs, meet our The Eliminate Project, club and district service projects, and sustaining our impact in eliminating Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

Club Presidents - It's time to start thinking about recognizing your club members and those in your communities that have exemplified Kiwanis mission and values. What better way is there than a George F. Hixson Fellowship? With a gift of \$1,000 to the Children's Fund you can recognize someone who has contributed to our legacy of servant leadership and continue Kiwanis' history of generosity.

Please feel free to contact me craigsmith.ua@gmail.com if you need additional information about the supporting the Kiwanis Children's Fund, our five primary causes or the Club Grant program.

### **Plan Ahead for District Convention! *Book your hotel room early!***

The annual Jeep-Fest will be occurring the same time as our convention, so book your hotel room early!

 **101st Annual Ohio District Kiwanis Convention**  
**Park Inn, Toledo, 101 N. Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604**  
**August 11-13, 2017**

Room Rates are \$ 119.00 for Single or Double Rooms plus a 17.25 % tax rate: Rooms have either a King-sized bed or two double beds. Please note this is a non-smoking facility when you reserve your room. Please mention that you are with the Ohio District Kiwanis Convention to receive our special convention rate. Deadline for Kiwanis block rates is July 18.

To reserve your room, please call the Park Inn Toledo at 419-241-3000 (direct) and reference code "1808OHIOKI".

To register on-line, visit the Park Inn, Toledo link through the Ohio District Kiwanis website. [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org). Convention information and registration will be listed under the "District Convention" menu. Again, please reference code "1808OHIOKI" to obtain our group rate and to be placed within our room block.

*The Park Inn, Toledo regrets it cannot hold your reservation after 6:00 p.m. on the day of arrival without a method of payment. Deposits will be refunded only if cancellation notification is given by 6:00 p.m. on arrival date. Group rates are available only during the dates of the convention. Early arrivals and/or late departures will be confirmed by our prevailing corporate rate, subject to availability. All rooms are subject to hotel sales tax - currently at 17.25 %. Check in time is 3:00 PM Check out time is 12:00 PM*



## Community Services

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## KIWANIS ONE DAY

Remember, Kiwanis One Day is now celebrated in October. This year the date is Saturday, October 27th. This falls in the 2018-19 Kiwanis year but planning should be underway now. Recently elected club officers and Lt. Governor-elects should be involved in the selection of service projects and planning.

While this is a special event in the Kiwanis year it is also an opportunity to consider a collaborative impact event. Reach out to other service-oriented groups in your community. The American Red Cross Sound the Alarm smoke detector campaign is an example of a project that Kiwanis could cooperatively implement as a Kiwanis One Day project. The local United Way would also be a source of potential projects to meet a community need.

Kiwanis One Day is a great time to plan an event involving the entire K-Family. Involve your SLPs in planning and conducting your Kiwanis One Day project. Their new leadership is already in place. Perhaps a summer planning picnic could be scheduled to solicit their input and develop the associated public relations for your Kiwanis One Day project.

Check out the Kiwanis One Day Toolkit on the [kiwanis.org](http://kiwanis.org) website for helpful information on planning a successful event. Once you have completed the project be certain to share the results on your social media accounts and at [pr@kiwanis.org](mailto:pr@kiwanis.org).

Hopefully you are aware of the recent North Coast Blitz during which five new Kiwanis clubs were organized in the Cleveland area. That means more than 100 new Kiwanians will be involved in supporting the needs in their local communities. In addition they will have the opportunity to support the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and the Kiwanis Children's Fund. These new clubs will join more than 7000 Kiwanis clubs worldwide.

These new Kiwanians are now ready to be actively involved in service. They will now know the joy and satisfaction of cleaning a local park, working at a food bank, reading to preschoolers and so many more service activities.



So with just over four months remaining in the 2017-18 Kiwanis year has your club been involved in a service project to address food insecurity? Remember even small efforts can make a difference. A single box of a popular mac and cheese mix, costing less than a dollar, can provide a nutritious meal for young children. Buy a case of the mac and cheese mix and donate it to a backpack food program or shelter. It's that simple.

The challenge for May is a review. Go back through the previous months and determine the status of how your club has addressed the food insecurity problem in your community. Have you started a new project or expanded an existing one? The time to act is now.

Remember Kiwanis One Day is October 27, 2018. Begin planning now for your club's participation.

## Attention Club Secretaries...

It's time to report the results of your club elections. Please remember, when you go to enter the names of the 2018-2019 club officers (even if there are no changes!), please make certain you click on the drop down menu that currently shows 2017-18. If you don't make certain the date is changed—you may be changing this years officers.

You MUST report your election results, otherwise it will show that your club has NO officers rather than the same officers.

If you have any problems with the reporting, please contact the district office at 614-848-5000.



## Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation – DCON Basket Room



We are ecstatic about this year's basket room! As one of ODKF's biggest and most [fun]draisers, we can't wait to see what you, your club, your foundation, your division, or your friends and family will donate.

This year we decided to celebrate our organization's International status by making the theme of the Basket Room, "International Flair". We'd love it if the baskets you donate can represent a country outside of the US where there is a Kiwanis presence. We know this is a little different, but, this can be a great opportunity to get creative

and be fun with the baskets you make! It doesn't have to be something you completely go out of the way for or have to have imported either! You could easily do an Italian or Parisian date night basket, a European chocolates basket, or anything else that you feel would represent a country where Kiwanis has a presence.

There are 102 clubs in South America, 1318 clubs in Europe, 815 clubs in Asia, 11 clubs in Africa, and 86 clubs in the South Pacific, so there's plenty of variety and options to choose from! Alternatively, there are 5,001 Kiwanis Clubs in the United States!! Should you choose to select the US to represent your basket, we ask that you stick to a sports theme or represent your local area. There will be a, "Sports Corner" and a, "Local Corner" in the basket room.

Whichever way you choose to donate and celebrate Kiwanis, we ask that each basket is clearly labeled with the contents of the basket, where it's from, and the estimated value. Any value basket will be accepted, though we are hoping the average basket value to be \$100 (for 100 years). Baskets may be combined with others to create a larger value in the basket room.

With the changes from the State of Ohio Department of Alcohol Control, we are asking that Alcohol NOT be included in the donated baskets.

The basket room will be open at 1pm on Friday August 10<sup>th</sup> for drop-off until 5:00pm. Baskets may be viewed during this time, but actual bidding will not start until Saturday morning at 8am when the Basket room opens. The Basket Room will close promptly at 3:30pm. Anyone in the basket room at that time will be asked to leave. Winners will be posted outside the basket room shortly after, and pick up will begin at 5:30pm where cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted!

We can't wait to see you at District Convention 2018! If everyone makes it their personal goal to make this the biggest and best basket room that DCON has seen in its 100 years, we're confident that ODKF raise enough funds to help us help all of you, and, continue to further our mission in the Ohio District! Kids need Kiwanis, and ODKF needs baskets!

### Builders Club Chair

**Nancy McNeal**

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The end of the school year brings a time to review the projects that your club completed this year and to begin thinking ahead to next year's projects. I'm sure there were many wonderful projects accomplished in your schools and communities.

Looking ahead I hope that you have all elected your officers for next year so you can start right away in the fall. Schedule a meeting with your board either before school starts or within the first week or two to complete your plans for the year in projects, events, and fund raising.

How many of you participated in the Builders Club contests this year? This is something to begin to think about for next year. These are worthwhile projects that your entire club can work on together. If your club is a winner, there are prizes awarded.

Lastly, a big thank you to all of the advisors for our Builders Clubs in the Ohio District be they school, community, or Kiwanis. These Builders clubs do not exist without you.

Congratulations to the **Lima West Builders Club** and **South Sci-Tech Magnet Builders Club** for achieving **Distinguished Club Status** from Kiwanis International. Congratulations also go to **North Builders Club** for Achieving **Honor Club Status** from Kiwanis International. These clubs will receive a special certificate and banner patch from Kiwanis International and additional submissions are being accepted until August.

## Don't Miss the 61st Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing

The Ohio Kiwanis Foundation and its golf committee are actively planning and excited for this summer's 61st 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 July 11, 2018. The fun will begin with a shotgun start at 10:00am. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org) under the event tab which can be found from the rotating display or visiting the July events calendar and opening the golf outing link on the July 11 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 being used to help support the Foundation's Safe and Healthy Kids campaign. 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 and includes lunch, golf, cart, prizes, and a great dinner. The registration deadline is July 4, 2018. To continue to make this event a success and help raise funds for the Safe and Healthy Kids campaign and grants given as part of this campaign 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 so please seek event sponsors from your club members and businesses you may know who would like to support this worthy cause.



Please mark you 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 July 4, 2018. If anyone needs help with lodging arrangements, please contact us by June 8. 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 July.

## **CLE Registration is now available..**

Registration for Certified Leadership Education is now available. We currently have thirteen locations confirmed for CLE, and will be adding more as they become available across the state. You can register on-line through the Ohio Kiwanis website at <http://www.ohiokiwanis.org/Page/965>.

There is no cost for the continuing education classes for club officers, but, we do need advance registration to ensure we have enough materials, and the minimum number of attendees required to hold the session. Sessions with less than five officers pre-registered will be cancelled by mid-week of the class.

Unless noted, registration for each class will be 8:30 am with the class starting promptly at 9:00 am. Class is typically over by 12:30pm. Registration is open to ANY club officer wishing to attend. For club officers that are unable to attend any on-site classroom experience, I strongly encourage you to take the online class at [www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training](http://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training) .

Below are the sessions that are **currently** confirmed and more will be added.

June 2: Kettering: Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Road

June 2: Youngstown: Stambaugh Charter Academy, 2420 Donald Avenue, Youngstown

June 9: Sidney: Shelby County Annex, 129 E. Court Street

June 16: Canton: Stark County District Library, 715 Market Avenue North

June 23: Cincinnati: Sharonville Firehouse, 11637 Chester Road

June 23: Westerville: Westerville Library, 126 S. State Street (registration will start at 9:00 due to library hours)

June 30: Zanesville: The Community Bank, 113 N. 5th Street

July 7: Parma: Cuyahoga County Branch Public Library, Parma - Snow Branch, 2121 Snow Road, Parma (Start time 9:30 due to Library hours)

July 9: Toledo: Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, 2244 Collingwood Blvd. (***5:30 PM to 10:ish***)

July 14: Jackson: Jackson Fire Department, 152 Pearl Street

July 14: Marion: Dayspring Wesleyan Church, 2431 Marion-Mt. Gilead Rd.

July 21: Port Clinton: Port Clinton Elks Lodge, 231 Buckeye Blvd.

August 10: Toledo: District Convention, 1:30 to 5:00 PM (Last Session of the Year)

## **Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to hold Annual Meeting**

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will hold its annual meeting at this year's Ohio District Convention in Toledo, Ohio.

All Ohio Kiwanians are members of the Foundation and are encouraged to participate.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday morning August 12th at 9:45 am as a part of a breakfast hosted by the Foundation. The cost of the breakfast is \$15 and a portion is tax deductible.

There will be an election for four seats on the Board of Directors. You will find in this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin a listing and bio of the 5 candidates for the four open positions.

Other business will include reports from the grants committee, Foundation treasurer, and recognition of donors to the Foundation.

The annual report of Foundation activities will also be distributed.

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation looks forward to your attendance at your Foundation's annual meeting.

**Formula & Membership  
Chair**

**Brad Kunze**

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**J**une. Summer will officially be here shortly. We are 2/3 of the way through this Kiwanis year. So where do we stand with Ohio Clubs and Membership?

To date, we have officially completed three new Kiwanis clubs. The Heights, Colerain Township and Champaign County. If you need breath of fresh air, visit any of these three new Clubs or just talk with their Presidents, Mark Harris, Jennifer Caunin, or Nicole Rush respectively. They

are already doing amazing Kiwanis service in their communities.

We are in the process of wrapping up the recently-completed North Coast Blitz where, with the team effort of Tigers (International President Jim Rochford's Club Opening Team), KI Staff, Formula and District Leaders, 5 new Kiwanis clubs were organized within the short period of one week. Avon, Brook Park, Greater University Circle, Cuyahoga Falls and Mentor now have Kiwanis Clubs. Make no mistake, there is still work to be done to ensure that these clubs thrive; that work is ongoing by District and Formula Leaders.

The Formula Team is working with Governor Dan to complete several other new clubs during the last four months of his year, however the last third of this Kiwanis year is what tells the tale in our District's membership. Building new Clubs alone will not sufficiently increase District membership. *This is where we need each Club in the Ohio District to take a realistic look inward and work to improve their Club.* It's really as simple as more hands (members) translates to more and better Kiwanis service in your community. History shows us that the end of the Kiwanis year has been devastating to our Clubs' membership numbers for many years. While the Formula has made great progress over its five years in reducing the annual losses, this can be the year we reverse the trend. *Now is the time to work with your Club's leadership to strengthen your Club's service by adding members.*

You can contact the Formula Regional Team Leader in your area to find out how we can help your Club improve.

- Region 1- Divisions 1N, 1S, 12: Rick Kidwell, 419-424-1323, rkidwell@aol.com*
- Region 2 - Divisions 2, 3, 11S, 10W: Jack Hilborn, 740-369-9641, hilborn@midohio.net*
- Region 3 - Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: Bill Pees, 937-361-8694, williampees61985@gmail.com*
- Region 4 - Divisions 9, 10S, 10E,18: Larry Good, 614-329-0620, larrygoodz@yahoo.com*
- Region 5 - Divisions 11N, 16, 17, 26: Randy Beard, 330-509-1527, randy@generationsinsgrp.com*
- Region 6 - Divisions 13, 14, 15, 22, 24: Lee Fenrich, 440-235-9379, leefenrich@cox.net*

We have the Formula to be successful. Now its up to you. Questions? You are encouraged to contact any of the Formula leadership team to discuss membership issues with your Club.

Yours in Kiwanis service,

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