These are the items we hope you experience at the upcoming 100th annual Ohio Kiwanis District Convention August 11-13 at the Dayton Convention Center in Downtown Dayton, Ohio. Kelly Brown, Paul Price (convention co-chairs) and the entire convention committee have been busy for most of the past year planning your convention experience.

The convention kicks off Friday morning August 11 with our final District Board meeting of the year at 10:00am. Our Ohio Kiwanis Foundation holds its Board meeting Friday afternoon and then the FUN begins Friday evening with an Italian buffet followed by an evening of trivia competition (no need to be anxious, we compete by table not individually) and live music. After breakfast on Saturday the EDUCATION part of our event kicks off with the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Annual meeting, which all Ohio Kiwanians are encouraged to attend, followed by multiple educational opportunities including eighteen workshop options throughout the day with topics covering most aspects of Kiwanis including membership related topics, Service Leadership Program related topics, service project ideas, Safe and Healthy Kids topics, marketing topics and many more. There will definitely be something for everyone.

A special thank you to Governor-Elect Dan Litzinger and Education Chair Jason Miller for arranging this year’s forums. Our fellowship luncheon will feature our incoming International Board Counselor, Gary Levine, who will deliver the luncheon address. In the afternoon we will have our delegate session where you will have the opportunity to participate in the business activities of our District by electing officers and reviewing by-law amendments and resolutions. Additional educational opportunities exist by visiting the many exhibit booths at the convention throughout the day on Saturday. Saturday evening culminates with our annual Governor’s banquet to recognize and retire this year’s leaders. Sunday morning completes your convention experience with our annual prayer/memorial service, brunch, and the installation of next year’s District leaders. Clubs are asked to support the SERVICE aspect of the convention by bringing 100 new or gently used children and/or young adult books, to commemorate our 100th convention, to donate to the Dayton area. If you would like you make place a “donated by” sticker in the front of the book to recognize your club for its donation.

The FELLOWSHIP portion is ongoing with endless opportunities to interact and exchange thoughts and ideas with your fellow Kiwanian throughout the weekend.

Through my thirty one years of Kiwanis membership I still always leave District events such as this with new enthusiasm, ideas, and motivation and truly believe you will do the same after this year’s event. Please plan on joining us in Dayton this August. Please visit the Ohio District Kiwanis website at www.ohiokiwanis.org to learn more and obtain registration materials. They can be found by clicking on the menu tab and then the District Convention tab.

I look forward to seeing you in Dayton for FUN, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, AND EDUCATION!
Secretary’s Notes

It’s hard to believe another District Convention is upon us. In a few weeks, delegates from across the state will come together to attend educational sessions, donate books to worthy causes, elect our District Leadership and celebrate another year of outstanding fellowship and service in our communities.

We do want to encourage club secretaries to complete their monthly reports – currently, there is not a single division in Ohio with 100% club reporting and there are several divisions with only one or two clubs reporting at all. Those reports are helpful with tracking community involvement and impact, they are used by committee chairs throughout Ohio and International.

As it is, Ohio clubs have reported 55,285 hours of community service through June this year. Multiply that number by minimum wages of $7.85 and this equates to $433,987.25 worth of community support based just on service hours. Clubs reported donations of $470,691.00 which bring contributions to nearly a million dollars. Just imagine what these numbers would reflect if every club reported their service hours!

Now – use the information on the impact Ohio Kiwanians are making in our communities as a recruitment tool. Keep in mind this does not include the difference our Service Leadership Programs are making in Ohio and globally.

Clubs are also encouraged to record their club officer elections this week. They are long past due and we need the information as we prepare for the 2017-18 administrative year.

As a final reminder, the last CLE Class of the year will take place Friday afternoon of Convention. Incoming presidents are strongly encouraged to attend this 4-hour session as they prepare for their new year of leadership. The class is free of cost, but we do need you to sign up in advance so we can accommodate everyone. To register, just send an email with your name, club, cell phone or email number to Sarah@ohiokiwanis.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Dayton!

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.
Hello Ohio Kiwanis!

July 5th - 9th, Circle K International held its 62nd Annual International Convention in beautiful San Antonio, Texas. The Ohio District of Circle K is proud to announce one of our very own, Tim Peischl, was elected into the position of Subregion E International Trustee. Tim is a graduate student from The Ohio State University majoring in occupational therapy with an undergraduate degree in health sciences and a disability studies minor. Tim has been a member of the K-Family for four years and has held the leadership positions of club vice president, K-Kids Co-Advisor, OSU CKI Relay for Life Chair, and OSU Teeter-Totter Marathon Chair. In the position of trustee, Tim hopes to take his passion for Circle K and give back to the K-Family. Some of his goals include membership education & recognition, resources for districts, K-Family relations, and international involvement. We could not be more excited and proud of Tim for furthering his leadership within the Kiwanis Family!

International Convention was spent celebrating all the amazing things Circle K has accomplished and individuals that have dedicated their time to the organization. We recognize the efforts of a hard-working individual that the Ohio District is lucky to call their Immediate Past Governor. Allyson Beechy earned the well-deserved title of “Distinguished Governor” at our awards brunch. From the beginning of her term, Allyson demonstrated what it meant to be a true servant leader. Allyson worked tirelessly to meet the needs of district board members and foster meaningful friendships with the general members, and ensured success among the clubs in the Ohio District. We look forward to witnessing many more of her accomplishments in the future!

As August quickly approaches, I look forward to attending Kiwanis District Convention and Aktion Club Convention. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and meeting new individuals! I encourage you to introduce yourselves to me or my board members anytime throughout these two events. We are future Kiwanis members, and our interactions together are greatly valued!

Expand your Club’s Impact with a Club Advised Fund

Clubs may invest their funds in the investment pool of the Foundation as a Club Advised Fund or sub fund. A Club Advised Fund becomes the philanthropic arm of your local club.

This unique program allows your Club Fund to receive tax deductible donations under the 501(c)(3) IRS provisions of the Foundation. Many individuals and businesses have made donations to support Kiwanis service through this method.

Funds are invested in compliance with an Investment Policy established by the Foundation Board and managed by an adviser at Raymond James and Associates. In today’s economy the rate of return on Club Advised Fund investments is at an all-time high.

The total of funds from clubs using the Club Advised Fund option now invested through the Foundation is $592,699 from 25 clubs. The Foundation makes all required state and federal reports for all Club Advised Funds.

Foundation Board members are available to talk to your club or board about this possibility to enhance service to your community.

For information about how your club can benefit from this program, contact Alan Penn, Executive Director at director@odkf.org.
Convention is Calling – Are you Answering?

It’s Upon Us!

The 2017 Ohio District Convention is just a few weeks away. Your DCON Committee will be delivering an amazing experience in Dayton. In this edition of Buckeye Bulletin you will see a comprehensive overview of what you can expect at DCON. So, I won’t duplicate his efforts.

I do want to cover a few items as you plan your visit...

The Crowne Plaza Hotel and the Dayton Convention Center are across the street from one another and are connected by a skywalk. They are just a short walk from the Oregon District which is rich with shops, dining and history.

Dayton is home to an American treasure, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force which is a short 15-minute drive from our venue. Do yourself a favor and carve out some time in Dayton to take a visit. Museum Hours are daily 9 am -5 pm. FREE admission and parking, plus FREE WiFi!

FYI,

If you are staying over at Crowne Plaza, then parking at the Transportation Center is included in your hotel fee. If you are attending Convention Center only there is a $6 Daily charge to park in the Transportation Center. The Transportation Center garage offers a covered skywalk on Level 1 that will bring you to the 3rd floor at the Dayton Convention Center facility. There is limited on-street metered parking near the Convention Center.

PLEASE NOTE - PARKING PAY STATIONS:
Attendees will pay at one of the Pay Stations located on Level 1 of the parking garage (where the skywalk is located). Once you have paid at one of the pay stations you will receive a validated ticket for use at the exit. You will then have 20 minutes to exit the garage. Upon arriving at the exit, simply scan the validated parking ticket and the gate will raise. Please note: There are no cashiers stationed at the exits. Credit cards are the only form of payment that are accepted at the exits. To use Cash, you must use a Pay Station that is located on Level 1 of the parking garage.

DEADLINES:

Convention: Early Bird Convention Registration ($75) closed on July 14. Convention fee goes up to $85 after that. You can register online or by mail through August 5. After August 5 you must register on-site at the Convention.

We look forward to seeing you in Dayton where you will learn, celebrate, reminisce, dine, enjoy and rest…then do it all again the next day!

Last Call for Certified Leadership Education (CLE)

The last CLE class being offered in person for Club Presidents for the 2017-18 year will be Friday, August 11 at 1:30 PM at the Dayton Convention Center. This free-of-cost session will provide information to incoming club Presidents on how to plan and implement strategies for a successful term. Participants will receive credit for attendance and will be able to ask questions specific to their club’s needs.

Individuals interested in attending the Friday CLE must register by emailing Sarah@ohiokiwanis.org with their name and their club. We want to make certain we have enough materials and space!

Presidents who are unable to attend this session may take the On-Line class at www.kiwanis.org.

A secretaries workshop for the beginning (and experienced) secretary will be offered on Saturday afternoon as a convention educational session prior to the House of Delegates.
Greetings fellow Kiwanians! My name is Jason Miller and I have the honor of serving as your District Leadership, Development and Education Chair for Governor-Elect Dan. I state that title because there is so much that is wrapped up in these three concepts.

Educationally we are gearing up for the upcoming District Convention in Dayton August 11th-13th. During this exciting weekend we will have 18 workshops over three rounds for you to choose from as you fine tune your Kiwanis Family knowledge. There will be action packed workshops that discuss how to engage your members or how to better use your marketing and social media platforms to get the word out about Kiwanis. We will learn about the 2017-2018 First Family Project and we will even have an opportunity to take part in some easy service projects during the "Make it, Now, Take It" Workshop.

The entire second round of workshops is dedicated to making our Kiwanis Family a priority as there will be workshops focusing on each of our five service leadership programs and also Key Leader. This is a great opportunity for your club to learn how to enhance the relationship you currently have with your sponsored program or to learn about a potential group that you might be interested in sponsoring in the near future. If your club does not currently sponsor one of these outstanding groups, this is your chance to learn more about them and help your club bring the Kiwanis Family spirit back to your community in even more exciting ways. These workshops are your opportunity to educate yourself, and in turn your club, and broaden the impact you are making. I cannot wait to see these educational opportunities unfold!

From a development and leadership perspective, I encourage you to look deep within your club. Are you truly doing all that you can to develop your members and inspire them to become future leaders? Sometimes, it is easy to get stuck in a routine and lose sight of the common goal we all share…to serve our communities and the children of the world. Routines are not bad. However, CHANGE is not bad either. For some of us, change is a scary word. But for others, change is exactly what we need for our clubs to thrive. I challenge you to examine your club, more importantly, how you engage your members. Maybe what you are doing currently is great. But maybe, it needs to be tweaked a little bit to keep those new members excited to serve.

As we look to the coming year we WILL grow our membership. We must continue to find ways to educate our members through events like District Convention and MidYear Education Day. We must continue to develop all members by providing opportunities for them to grow. It is these same members that will then aspire to future leadership positions. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there is any way that I can be of service to you or your club. I cannot wait to see you at the exciting workshops at this year’s District Convention!

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**Ada Kiwanis Member Begins Her 49th Year Instructing Swim Lessons**

Ada Kiwanis Club member Saundra Neely began teaching Red Cross swim lessons at the Ada Municipal Swimming Pool on Monday July 17th for the 49th consecutive year.

Some of this year’s 75 students are third generation children that have been taught by Saundra. She informed the Village of Ada, prior to this year’s lessons, that 2018 year would be her last year as an instructor and informed the village that they should begin searching for a new American Red Cross certified instructor beginning in 2019.

For her dedicated volunteer efforts, Saundra was named Ada’s Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 2015. She has been passionate about Ada-area youth learning to swim for almost one-half century.

The Ada Kiwanis Club has sponsored the lessons for last several years, and the club is very proud of this outstanding club member!
We Have New & Existing Members - What’s Next?

I read a very interesting article the other day. It said that service organizations are bringing in new members but failing to retain them. There is some truth to that – we brought in 10% new membership last year (720 new members). But we lose 8 – 9% of our membership for reasons beyond our control (relocation, illness, death, etc.) – and lose about 5% of our members leaving for other reasons, half of which have been members less than 3 years.

Some takeaways from the article are: Today there are many two parent, two career families. Time is precious and their leisure activities often revolve around the children. Many want to have impact quickly in areas of interest. “…what emerging generations want in physical meetings is for the environment to be fundamentally social, fundamentally conversational and fundamentally less formal.

So how do we go forward? You may wish to consider these ideas:

* Meet their needs first. It’s not ‘Come do what we do’, it’s ‘What do you want to do?’ Once they become active their needs will change toward what the club needs.

* If you want to recruit 25-45 year olds – how can you make the club more family friendly? “If we want to get them, we have to offer a milieu which permits and engages their children as well, for they will not give up family time for anyone.”

* Try recruiting 35-50 year olds that are, or soon will be, empty-nesters. Some of my clubs best active members came to us at that age.

* I am a believer in traditions. However, some may have passed their prime. Review what you do at meetings and see what makes sense to both new and existing members.

One thing we cannot control is members who move out of our area. What we can do is forward their contact information to clubs in their new area, and also suggest the leaving member contact these clubs. If we all do that, we help each other get stronger.

Change will happen – it’s whether we control it or it controls us.

**Update:** Thirty-eight clubs show membership growth of 10% or more. At 10-14%: Bellefontaine, Olmstead Falls, Brecksville, Toronto, Dayton, Anderson Hills, Marysville, Piqua, Beavercreek, Powell, Columbus, North Ridgeville, Genoa Area, Riverfront Cincinnati, Lexington, Rocky River, Hudson, Kirtland & Canfield-Jackson Milton, At 15-24%: Wooster, Franklinton, Cheviot-Westwood, Lancaster, Celina, Cleveland, Riverview-Delhi Hills, Ravenna, Bellevue, Coldwater, Dover-New Philadelphia, Richmond Heights & Fremont, At 25-35%: Hicksville, Dayton Breakfast & West Chester-Liberty Township. And at 40+%: Springboro, Medina Evening & Wadsworth!! These clubs are growing stronger.

In the Laps for Literature Contest, it is still a tight race as the leader position has changed twice since May. The 10 lead divisions, who are all over 50% of their goal, are Divisions 5 & 20 (51%), Division 15 (54%), Division 3 (55%), Division 4 (56%), Division 1 S, Division 6 (58%), Divisions 2 & 16 (60%) and Division 8 (73%).

**CONGRATULATIONS FOR GROWING SERVICE. NOW LET’S RETAIN THEM.**

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**Club Secretaries Take Note..**

On August 1, Sponsoring Kiwanis club secretaries will receive an email with instructions to log in to the Secretary dashboard and update the K-Kids and/or Builders Club membership count for 2017-18 and verify a mailing address to which the kit should be mailed. The deadline to complete these steps will be August 31st. All Kiwanis advisors and faculty advisors will also receive a version of this email asking them to coordinate with their sponsoring Kiwanis club secretary.
What’s Key Club up to?

24 Key Clubbers and chaperones just returned from the Key Club International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. During the 6 days they were there they attended workshops to learn more about Key Club, met fellow Key Clubbers from around the world, held elections for international officers and competed in various categories of evaluation for their performance.

Ohio did well in the competitions. Avon Lake took 3rd place in the video contest. Salem took first place in the Non-Digital Poster contest. Brunswick took first place in the bronze category (club size) for the single service project. The Brunswick Club was also named a distinguished diamond club, and Piqua a diamond club. Immediate past Governor Prestin Minter was named a distinguished governor. Congratulations to these winners and all our Key Clubs for their service and projects during the year.

During the last day of convention the Key Clubbers spent the day at Sea World San Antonio. They enjoyed a day of relaxation, exciting shows, and riding the rides. All in 100 degree San Antonio heat! We all survived, no major sunburns and came home knowing more about Key Club, with new ideas, and excited for a new year, and a little sad to miss new friends we made.

What’s coming up? The Key Club board is beginning preparation for the Ohio Fall Rally, to be held October 29 at the Ohio Union on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus. Fall Rally is a similar experience, although one day, for Key Clubbers to learn, meet other Key Clubbers, and have a fun day of fellowship. Consider encourage your Key Clubs to send some representatives, particularly if they have never attended. Who knows? They may even get the chance to meet Brutus Buckeye!

Planning is also underway for the District Leadership Conference in the spring. This will be a two-day experience where they will elect their new District Officers, and we will start the cycle all over for another year.

As a Kiwanis club that sponsors a key club, if you are not encouraging your Key Clubbers to be involved in the full experience, they are missing out. I frequently hear from past Key Clubber, sometimes from decades ago, about how valuable their Key Club experience was to their life. While their club experience is valuable, those that participate in all that is offered, but running for office, competing with their peers, getting to know others from around the state and around the world often tell me about friends they have made for life, experiences that helped them in job pursuits, or training they have applied in their working world.

So, while I know I am biased, it seems one of the most worthwhile things we do as Kiwanians. And don’t forget ….MANY of them may be our future Kiwanians!

Members of the Ohio District Key Club pause during their busy convention schedule for a photo.
Some Thoughts About Service

During a recent program, a representative from a social service agency described the plight of a young boy. A victim of abuse, he had to be revived three times while being transported to the hospital. Of course, this was an extreme case but it made me wonder about the other children that find themselves in less than caring environments. Could Kiwanis be a beacon of hope and/or comfort?

That thought reminded me of another presentation about the concept of “collaborative impact”. Social service agencies reduce the territorial boundaries that impede delivering unified service to those in need. How could Kiwanis join in this collaborative effort? Has your club contacted the local domestic violence shelter about needs they might have? Just think of the comfort a stuffed animal might provide a child removed from their “home”, often in the middle of the night. Providing the shelter with diapers or other essentials is also a possibility. The important point is that by working together, combining resources and communicating Kiwanis and other service organizations can focus the efforts to serve children and their families.

Do you remember the first book given to you to keep? Your very own book!

Check with local service agencies or school libraries about providing a book chest for them. The chest would contain age appropriate books from which they could select a book to give to a child experiencing trauma or needing other support. A book of their very own! Be certain to place a “Donated by Kiwanis” bookplate in the books placed in the chest.

2017 Convention Service Project is in the Books

The service project at the 2017 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention will be a book drive in keeping with the First Family’s Literacy Project.

Books ranging from beginning readers board books to adult fiction and biographies will be collected and distributed to three Dayton area organizations. Project Read, Help Me Grow/Brighter Futures and The Visitation Center at Haines Children’s Center look forward to getting reading materials into the hands of individuals eager to learn to read or who do not have easy access to reading materials. While children’s books are obviously encouraged, keep in mind, older children like to read too! By placing books in the hands of children, prior to the end of summer, it helps students be more prepared for school by ensuring there is less “backsliding” in their educational levels and reading skills. The “tweens” categories are generally underserved and reading materials can be hard to find if you live in areas where bookstores are not readily available.

Clubs are encouraged to place a “donated by” sticker on the inside of each book to help celebrate this tremendous service opportunity. Ideally clubs are asked to bring 100 books with them to convention. Reading materials can be dropped off Friday afternoon from noon to 7:00 PM on the 1st Floor Lobby of the Convention Center at East Fifth Street Door. Additional hours for drop off with be Saturday morning from 7:00 to noon. Please be sure to have your books in the building by that time so delivery vans can pick up all the materials.

If you have any questions regarding this tremendous project, please contact Chuck Sousa, Convention Service Project Coordinator at 937-416-5554.
Kiwanis
Day at the Ballpark

PIRATES VS Reds
Sunday, September 17th at 1:10 pm

Ohio Kiwanis Governor Bill Flinta will participate in the Game Ball Delivery before the game!

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