Message from the Governor

Summer is a busy time for all, but we must not forget the children in Ohio whose only meals typically come while in school. Please encourage your Divisions and Clubs to get involved in summer food programs in your community or consider starting one as there are never enough food programs for the need.

Barb and I appreciate the tremendous support for the First Family Project so far this year. We were so happy to see how many clubs were already participating in weekend food pack programs or other programs to help feed children. Kiwanians in Ohio provide tremendous support in their communities to address food insecurity.

The service that Kiwanians perform, such as help with food insecurity in their communities is one reason of many why we must grow Kiwanis either by strengthening existing clubs or building new ones. We must face the fact that most of our clubs who perform vital service in their communities are aging out. There were several already this year, and I’m sure there will be more before the end of my term. Please remember we are a Kiwanis family who help each other, and we are here to help strengthen any club that asks; as well as building a new club in an area where you see a need. Remember to just ASK. Some things that seems to be hard are really easy!

Bill Pees, District Membership Chair for next year, has already started to work and will be getting information out in the coming months. One of the tools he will be sharing is a very good club strengthening power point from our largest club, the Kiwanis Club of Wooster. They have built a tremendous membership using this tool, and I want to thank them for sharing as it should have a big impact in strengthening our clubs.

This is the time of the year to start working on the District contest criteria which you can find on the District's web-site. I know many Clubs will qualify for these contests, so please look at the criteria and get the forms filled out.

I am pleased with how awesome the convention planning is coming along for the Toledo Convention, August 10th, 11th and 12th. I encourage you to go to the Ohio Kiwanis web-site and get registered. I am looking for a large turnout.

Contests for clubs include: Club Newsletter/Bulletin, Interclub and Fellowship Contest, K-Kids Service Projects, Kiwanis First Family Service Project, Distinguished Club, Distinguished Member, Race to Gnome & New Club Gnome Vault, Club Website Contest, Club Social Media Contest and Club Public Relations Contest. Information regarding these various contests can be found toward the back of the District Directory and on the Ohio District Kiwanis website at Ohio District Website. Www.ohiokiwanis.org
District Secretaries Notes

The Kiwanis Year is now ¾ complete and the Ohio District is showing encouraging signs that we may break our streak and finally show growth for the 2017-18 administrative year. We returned from the International Convention in Las Vegas earlier this week where the Ohio District and Governor Dan Litzinger were honored on stage for being among the top 10 districts in all of Kiwanis International for growth and for Opening New Clubs. We are not finished! We have more new clubs to open and more new members to add before our current year ends on September 30th. It is up to all of the members of Kiwanis Clubs in Ohio to guarantee that your clubs remain strong and viable to insure we are able to be there for our neighbors! **Kids Need Kiwanis!**

I just checked our records and only 108 of 223 clubs in the Ohio District have filed their Club Election Reports online through the Kiwanis Connect website. Please encourage your club leaders to post your new Officers as soon as possible. This information is critical for both Kiwanis International and the Ohio District. Without it our directories will be very difficult to complete and our communications with your club leaders will not be timely. If they need help posting this information, please have them contact us in the district office at (614) 848-5000.

As the year rapidly winds to a close, the reality of my upcoming retirement is rapidly sinking in. Last week’s International Convention was the last I will attend as your representative in the district office. It was great to see old friends from around the Kiwanis World! We intend to participate in future conventions, just not in an official capacity. In five weeks we will gather in Toledo for our 2018 District Convention. Registrations are coming in on a fast clip. Joanne and I look forward to seeing many of the friends we have made over the last 20 years and I am sure it will be a bittersweet reunion! The last 20 years serving as your District Secretary have been a true honor and I cannot thank you enough for your friendship!

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.
Inviting a Person to Join Kiwanis

In my opinion, club growth is the single most important thing that we can do to guarantee the continuation of an amazing organization that serves children and others in need. Helping your club to grow is essential to the legacy of service that your community has come to expect and appreciate. It definitely is not as easy as the “elevator speech” that we have heard about in the past. However, it is often a process that requires more than one conversation with the same person to convince them that they want to join Kiwanis.

The following 5-step approach to inviting a new person to join Kiwanis is paraphrased from the Club President Education, Eye of the Tiger Documents for the 2017-18 administrative year. The materials were written by KI President, Jim Rochford and his advisors. I had the privilege of using these strategies when I participated in a new club building event in Cleveland in May. They can be very effective in recruiting new members to your club. Why “reinvent the wheel” when you have this information available? Some ideas were changed to specifically address inviting a perspective member to an existing club.

1. **Approach:** At first talk about anything except Kiwanis. Try to find out what the person is interested in, if you don’t already know.

2. **Qualify:** Ask what the person knows about Kiwanis. If the person has some knowledge, ask him/her to elaborate, focusing on the person’s positive experience. Ask questions about his/her interest in children, the community and family. Perhaps the person might have a special talent or interest he/she would enjoy sharing with children.

3. **Programs:** When the connection is made, begin to explain the Kiwanis programs like K-Kids, Builders Clubs or Key Club. You are now demonstrating the mission, focus, and goals of Kiwanis.

4. **Trial Close:** Ask the person if he/she would like to attend a meeting of the greatest organization for helping young people in the world. Continue with specific information about where and when your club meets.

5. **Close:** Offer to email, text, or call the person to remind them of the meeting. You may also offer to drive them to the meeting, if that is possible. Close with “Our Kiwanis Club needs people like you.” Or “Won’t you consider joining us in helping children of our community?”

6. **Don’t give up:** If the first invitation ends with a non-committal response, call the person to invite them to a service project or a fund-raising event. Sometimes perspective members enjoy interacting with members during an event that highlights what the club is doing in the community and the fun and fellowship that goes along with club membership.

I hope these ideas will help you to invite a new member, or two, to your club. Share them with other members of your club who do not read the Buckeye Bulletin. We still have 3 full months left in this administrative year. End it with a few new members to help you “improve the world, one child and one community at a time”.

Yours in service,
Diana Keplinger,
The Formula- Ohio District Vice Chair
Plan for a Fun Friday Event at Convention!

The District Convention in Toledo is just a month away. We will be celebrating our 100th year as a District. On Friday, August 10th, we have a great deal for all of you. The Committee has been working with the Jeep Fest committee to make a very enjoyable evening. The Jeep Fest is the celebration of the 77th year of producing the Jeep vehicle in Toledo.

During our convention, there will be a display of over 50 Jeeps, both old and new in Halls C & D in the Convention Center.

At 5:30 PM, the Downtown Toledo Club will provide a barbeque meal at the Middlegrounds Metro Park which is less than a mile from the Park Inn Hotel and Convention Center. The Metro Park is situated on the Maumee River. At 7:30 PM there is a concert on the river sponsored by the Pro-Medica Health services. KC and the Sunshine band are the performers.

The cost for the evening is $10.00 and a donation of two cans of nonperishable food. This covers the transportation to and from the Metro Park, the meal, and the concert. Food will be donated to the Northwestern Toledo Foodbank in the name of the First Lady’s project.

Please come Friday and take advantage of this great deal. "Be there or Be square"
Greetings,

I can’t believe that it is already the end of June. Where did this month go? The Ohio District convention will be here before you know it. You probably already know that we will be having a Food Drive to help the Toledo Food Banks. I am also going to mix things up a little bit. I will be leading a Service Project Session, but it will not really be food related. We will be packing about 500 “mini school supply bags” for needy students in a couple of Elementary Schools that have a lot of low income students. You can help in a couple of ways. We will need donations to purchase the school supplies. It would be best to have those donations before DCON, so the school supplies can be purchased ahead of time. We will pack 1 notebook, some pencils, crayons, and a few granola bars. I will be coordinating those donations with your Lt. Governor, so they may be contacting your club for donations.

The second way you can help is to come to my session and help pack the bags. We will also have the room 213 open throughout at least part of the day, so you can come in and help pack when you have a little time.

I really appreciate all of your help. Kiwanians are a very caring group of people. Thanks for all that you do for the children of Ohio.

First Family Project
Barbara Litzinger
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CLE Registration is now available..

Registration for Certified Leadership Education is now available. We seven locations left for Certified Education Sessions across Ohio. 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 8:00 am with the class starting promptly at 8:30 am. Class is typically over by 12:30 pm. 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.

July 7: Parma: Cuyahoga County Branch Public Library, Parma - Snow Branch, 2121 Snow Road, Parma (Start time 9:30 due to Library hours)
July 7: Norton: Norton Community Center, Maple Room, 4060 Columbia Woods Dr., Norton
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)
As Kiwanians we are able to make long lasting impressions through our footsteps which impact the lives we have touched as well as those in our Kiwanis family through our service and dedication to our communities. We form lifelong friendships with this family when we work together on building playgrounds or putting together care packages to feed children or even by chaperoning Key Leader. We share in the comradery of the Kiwanis family which inspires and fuels us to lead our communities through service and a passion for helping those who need it most.

When a member of our Kiwanis family passes away we reflect on how their footsteps created long lasting impressions on both our lives and the lives of so many around us. We share the memories of our members who have passed as we recall the good times that were had with them working together to serve others. Every year at district convention we gather together as a family during the memorial service to celebrate the lives of those Kiwanians who have passed away and to pay tribute to all the long-lasting impressions which they made. We gather together to remember them, not allowing their memory to walk out of our hearts or the hearts of others. Each division is invited to keep the legacy of those who have passed alive and to celebrate friendship and community as the names of those who have passed are read at the memorial service Sunday morning.

Human and Spiritual Values
Kevin Bruck
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District Memorial Service
“People will walk in and walk out of your life, but the one whose footstep made a long lasting impression is the one you should never allow to walk out.”
— Michael Bassey Johnson

Family Activities and Festivals in the Toledo Area the weekend of August 10-13

**Jeep Fest:** August 10-12—Downtown Toledo

**Barefoot at the Beach:** August 11 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM (Benefitting the Boys and Girls Club of Toledo) at Maumee Bay State Park

**41st Annual Maumee Summer Fair:** August 10-11—Downtown Maumee

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**101st Annual Ohio District Kiwanis Convention**

**Park Inn, Toledo, 101 N. Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604**

**August 10-12, 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*

“Al Gilbert was nominated, and selected for his Time, Talent, Dedication, and Leadership roles in Kiwanis resulting in Building Better Lives and Communities” into the Ohio District Kiwanis Hall of Fame in 2012.

“The Albert and Iris Gilbert Humanitarian Award is given to a Kiwanian who has exemplified the ideas of Service by making significant contributions to causes such as, but not limited to, Medical, Education, Food, Shelter, Community Growth and Safety for Children and Individuals within a Community”.

The Awarded Kiwanian will receive recognition at our Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Annual meeting. This recognition includes a $200 donation to the charity of the winner’s choice. The form and attachment should be forwarded to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, by July 7th to be forwarded to the Selection Committee. Recognition will occur at the Ohio District Convention. Email to director@odkf.org. The Albert and Iris Gilbert Humanitarian Award Nomination Form can be received from your Lieutenant Governor or by contacting director@odkf.org.

“Past International Presidents Award”

The Past International Presidents Award is given in recognition of a $500.00 to the Foundation’s Endowment Fund.

It is named for the five Ohio Kiwanians who served as President of Kiwanis International:
- Edmund F. Arras, from the Columbus Kiwanis Club and served as International President (1923-1924)
- Stanley E. Schneider, from the Crestline Kiwanis Club and served as International President (1976-1977)
- Donald E. Williams, from the Berea Kiwanis Club served as International President (1985-1986)
- Walter G. Sellers, from the Xenia Kiwanis Club served as International President (1997-1998)
- Alan Penn, from the Media Breakfast Club and served as International President (2011-2012)

A plaque with the recipient’s name on it, a medallion on a ribbon and a pin are presented to the recipients.

“Ambassadors of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation”

The Ambassadors Program of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation recognizes Ohio District Kiwanians for their individual continuing donations to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Any Ohio District Kiwanian may enter the program with a minimum donation of $50. The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will record and track the Ambassador’s donations to the Foundation. Member recognition for qualified levels of giving will be awarded as the member attains the various levels of participation.

Award Recognitions

- Entry Level - $50 donation
- Patron Level - $100 donation
- Gold Level - $250 donation
- Past International Presidents Award - $500 donation
- Emerald Level - $750 donation
- Schneider, Williams or Sellers Award - $1,000 donation

More Information is available, and donations can be made 24/7 at odkf.org
The First Convention...

One September 25, 1918, the Ohio District held it “Annual Convention and Conference”. According to the copy of the proceedings (reading like a transcript) it was a one-day affair.

Hosted by the Cleveland Club, eight of the 10 clubs in Ohio were represented. The opening session started at 10:00 AM and had a “Temporary Chairman” who was quickly elected into the role of Chairman for the event and Mr. Oscar Alexander, of Cleveland was elected into the role of also having the chairmanship for the following year as well. The next business order was to elect a secretary (Arthur Land of Akron) and his first task was to “read Articles VII and VIII of the Constitution and International President Patterson’s message, setting forth the District Plan.”

The presentation of credentials by delegates to the Temporary Credential Committee ensued.

While the credential committee met: “every Kiwanian present, arose, stated clearly his name, the nature of his business and business address”. There were “short talks” by members of the Columbus, Canton, Dayton, Delaware, Akron, Youngstown and Cleveland clubs “stating what their respective clubs had accomplished during the last few years.” The business session was then adjourned for the noonday meal.

The Thursday dinner featured an address by Dr. William Torrence Stuchell, “who had a very vital message for every Kiwanian present.” Members from Canton, Toledo, Akron and Cleveland also gave “short but interesting talks”. “Another feature of the evening was the rendering of several vocal selections by a quartet.” There was a total of 36 visiting Kiwanians at that dinner.

The business session resumed at 2:30 PM, at which time, the credential committee announced the delegate from each club represented at the convention and presented them with their ribbon. That’s right, our first convention had only 8 delegates. They had two candidates for Governor Richard Birch from Cleveland and Albert Miller from Toledo. Albert was nominated even though he was not in attendance (he was elected into office two years later). Upon Richard’s election, the gavel was turned over to him to run the proceedings – at which point the Cleveland Kiwanians sang “Hello Birch, you are a friend of mine!”.

Birch gave a short speech of thanks and then moved on to selection of chairmen for the following committees: Education Committee, Publicity Committee, Inter-City Relations Committee, Public Affairs Committee, Business Methods, Committee, Convention Program Committee and Grievance and Classification Committee.” Birch met with the delegates and between them, they decided who would assume the roles of the various committee chairs.

The rest of the conference was spent discussing dues, the war tax, and various service projects. There was substantial discussion on programs for the wives “so they would not feel left out”. Many of the clubs sponsored projects supporting the “boys in khaki” including supporting social halls, dances, collecting clothes, supporting rooming houses, and making arrangements to meet any soldier returning from over-seas and convey him to his home in an automobile.”

*Proceedings of Annual Convention 1918*

**Items of Note for 1918:** Kiwanis Club dues were typically $20 per member/per club, The equivalent of $359.89 in today’s currency.

- An new home averaged $6,187.00, a postage stamp was 2 cents, gasoline was 25 cents a gallon.
- The year saw the armistice signed, signaling an end to the First World War, and the formation of Yugoslavia.
- Tsar Nicholas, his wife and their five children are assassinated in Russia, ending the reign of the imperial family.
- Daylight savings time is enacted.
- The USS San Diego sinks when it strikes a mine. One of the sailors lost a gold locket that day; a diver found it in 1981 and recently returned it to the family.
- The famous “inverted Jenny” stamps - misprinted upside-down biplane - are printed. A hundred are known to be in existence; in 2016, one sold for $1,175,000.
- Margaret Owen sets a typing speed record of 170 wpm for one minute. (Owen already had won several hour-long typing contests.)
- Famous people born in 1918: Ann Landers, Paul Harvey, Bill Graham, Ray Charles, Rita Hayworth, Bob Evans, Rev. Billy Graham, Nelson Mandella and Sam Walton
Hilliard Kiwanis Family Celebrates Fourth of July with Winning Parade Entry!

The Hilliard Kiwanis for the 5th year in recent times participated in the Hilliard Independence Day Parade. Instead of having the club chairman determine the plan for the trailer/float for the parade, the club asked one of the children of a club member to help. Tess Heimberger, a fifth grader at Hilliard Tharp designed three different options for the club to use, she presented her ideas to the club board and the board members voted on the best of the three.

Tess assisted the chairperson with determining materials needed, organizing the supplies and finalizing the plans with the chairperson the day before the float building day. Members of the club met the day before the parade to build the float and have what has become an annual b-b-q at a members’ home. During the float building stage, Tess directed and assisted the Key Club members from Hilliard Darby and Hilliard Davidson Key Club and Kiwanis Club members. Along with her dad, Tess joined the club in participating in the parade.

The Hilliard Kiwanis Club received the 2nd Place Award in the Organization Category for the parade. The parade has become a fun way for the Hilliard Kiwanis Club to be a part of the Hilliard Community and celebrate Independence Day. This year was especially more rewarding by including more family members in different ways.

Tess, with her dad, Jeff accepting the second place trophy for her float design on behalf of the Hilliard Kiwanis Club from the Hilliard Parade Organization.