WOW! What an exciting family friendly convention at Great Wolf Lodge!

A great time for Kiwanis families to celebrate the year, learn a lot about the latest things happening in the Kiwanis world and to have fun before it is time to go back to school! Thank you to all those members and families that participated and a special thanks to the committee that pulled everything together!

Now our students are heading back to school with hopefully lots of great, happy memories from the summer activities. It's time for back to school shopping and as Kiwanians, planning begins for another outstanding Service Leadership Program (SLP) school year. If you have not heard, there is a new program in effect till September 30th to encourage clubs to actively engage with the parents of our students. To share Kiwanis with them and to thank them for allowing their children to participate in our servant leadership programs.

So I challenge you to:

1. **Sign up for the SLP Incentive challenge** (details available through District office and on Page X of this newsletter). First 10 clubs will receive a $75 reimbursement for expenses towards an SLP parent recognition event.

2. ** Renew your commitment to our SLP students** by completing the SLP Sponsorship Form on the Ohio Kiwanis Webpage (https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-92/userfiles/files/slp%20sponsorship%20form.pdf) and submitting to the District Office

3. **Hold a back to school drive** collecting school supplies for needs in your local area

4. **Be a Role Model.** Plan to support your SLP through your presence at their meetings and activities. Foster and mentor a positive relationship.

Reach out and aim high as you figure out what Service Projects from A to Z you can accomplish in the remaining months of this Kiwanis year.

Yours in service,

Amy Zimmerman
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Amy Zimmerman
Ohio District Governor
District Secretary’s Notes:
We have recently completed our 99th District Convention in Mason, Ohio and the comments we heard from around the District were overwhelmingly favorable. Thanks to District Convention Chairs Brian Yacucci and Sandy Zimmerman and their committee of volunteers. They did great work in putting together our District Convention and they definitely showed us a great time at a wonderful facility!

Club Election Report
As we publish this newsletter, we still have had only 143 Kiwanis Clubs file their 2016-17 Officers online using the KiwanisOne web portal. While this is an improvement over last year, it means we still do not have election results from 83 clubs in the Ohio District. This information is critical to accurate preparation of the Kiwanis International Directory and our Ohio District Directory.

2017 Kiwanis International Convention
If you haven’t heard yet, our 2017 International Convention will be held in Paris, France. We hope you will take a “trip of a lifetime” to the City of Lights! Our On to International Convention Chair is Julia Sheppard of the Worthington-Linworth Kiwanis Club. Julia is a retired French teacher who has made many visits to France. She is the perfect person to lead our efforts to attend this convention. Tumlare, the travel agent we used for our Alaska Cruise in 2013, has prepared a convention tour package that includes Airfare, Hotel (at the Convention Center), plus additional tours during the convention. The price is very reasonable. If you are interested in receiving a tour brochure, please email my office at secretary@ohiokiwanis.org.

Finish Strong
We have just about a month left in the 2015-16 Kiwanis Year and so far, our district is still showing positive growth. Let’s make a big push and see if we can finish the year with positive growth for the first time in nearly 12 years. More Kiwanis members mean more hands serving the children and communities of the Ohio District.

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.

NOTE THE DATE!
Key Club Fall Rally: October 30 at the Student Union at The Ohio State University
Circle K Fall Rally: September 30-October 1 at Case Western Reserve University
Ohio Kiwanis - SLP Incentive Program 2016

Please note that this is an incentive program designed to thank parents of our Service Leadership Programs (SLP) as well as inform them about Kiwanis and invite them to membership in your local club. While the incentive is only available to the first ten clubs who undertake this challenge, it is always wise to look at ways to recruit your SLP parents to your clubs. This incentive will end on September 30th, 2016.

The first 10 clubs who submit a proposal (either by email or in writing to the district office) will be eligible to receive reimbursement of up to $75.00 in expenses for the program. Typical expenses would be for reception refreshments or printing. Examples might be for coffee and doughnuts, hamburgers, buns, and other items such as this.

When submitting your proposal, please be sure to indicate the club name, club contact and phone number and/or email address, and a brief description of your planned activities.

After the event, clubs will need to submit receipts for expenses of the event, as well as a photo to Dave Whiteman in the district office. Dave’s contact information is below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dave in the district office at either (614) 848-5000 or at (888) 827-8196 and in either case I am at Extension 2.

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Kiwanis 101: Like Kiwanis, SLP programs have dues and fees that are payable in the fall:

Ohio Key Clubs have an annual sponsorship fee of $100 per Key Club payable to Ohio District Key Club by the Kiwanis Clubs.

Ohio Key Clubs pay International and District Dues (just like Kiwanis) to Key Club International. ($7.00 International/ $3 District).

Ohio Circle K Clubs pay a flat rate International fee and District dues to Circle K International ($450 or $600 depending on size of school and $12 District Dues per member).

Ohio Aktion Clubs pay $8.00 per member to Aktion Club International.

Builders Clubs Sponsors (Kiwanis Clubs) pay a $180 renewal fee each year to Kiwanis International

K-Kids Sponsors (Kiwanis Clubs) pay a $180 renewal fee each year to Kiwanis International.

All fees and dues are payable as of October 1st and become delinquent as of December 1st.

Club Renewal information for K-Kids can be found at www.kiwaniskids.org; Builders Club at www.buildersclubs.org

Faculty Advisors or Club Secretaries can update club membership rosters and generate an invoice (Just like Kiwanis) at:

Key Club: www.keyclub.org, Circle K: www.circlek.org or Aktion Club: www.aktionclub.org. Once rosters are updated an invoice will be generated and clubs can pay with either a check or a credit card number.
Here are two definitions of community service; volunteer work intended to help people in a particular area, or a punitive sentence that requires an individual to perform work for the community in lieu of imprisonment.

So how does your club view the expectations of community service, an opportunity or a burden? If it is the latter then a thorough evaluation of club projects should be done. Perhaps current projects need to be reviewed for relevance and effectiveness. In considering new service projects they too should be designed with those criteria in mind as well.

Kiwanis is a service organization! Hopefully members have joined your club to be involved with meaningful service. It is important for fun and fellowship to be integrated into your service projects. But it is also important that service isn’t just a committee approving a monetary donation to an organization or individual. Try to plan, at least quarterly, a “hands on” service project (highway litter pickup, making trauma dolls, working at a shelter, etc.). Kiwanians, including our SLP groups, working together can accomplish great things.

So as we wrap up the 2015-16 Kiwanis year, can we say that we have done effective community service from A to Z? Did we meet the needs of the community and include a significant impact project in our activities? There is still time to close out the year with an Amtryke donation, to help needy families prepare for the upcoming school year, to provide supplies to a local food pantry,….. Let’s demonstrate for all to see that Kiwanis is a service organization that performs acts of meaningful service within our respective communities; locally, statewide and globally.
Convention Recap

The 2016 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention was held August 12-14, 2016 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. Attendees participated in workshops on various Kiwanis topics and enjoyed their time in Mason! One of the most important duties of our delegates attending the district convention was the election of a leadership team for the 2016-17 Kiwanis Year.

We are pleased to announce that Bill Flinta, of the Stow Munroe Falls Kiwanis Club, was elected to lead the district as Governor for the coming year. Bill and First Lady Peggy’s photo is shown with the article.

Dan Litzinger, a member of the Ashville Kiwanis Club, was elected as Governor Elect. Dan has served as a Lieutenant Governor, Chair of the 2016 Mid-Year Education Day, and currently serves on the Finance and Structure Committee.

Our 2016-17 District Treasurer selected by the Delegates will be Peggy McQuistion of the Fremont Kiwanis Club. Peggy served as Lieutenant Governor in 2011-12.

Along with Bill Flinta, Dan Litzinger, and Peggy McQuistion; Amy Zimmerman, of the Cincinnati Kiwanis Club, will continue on the District Board as our Immediate Past Governor and Dave Whiteman, of the Newark Kiwanis Club, will continue as District Secretary.

While there were no bylaw changes made this year, several Resolutions were adopted by the delegates; the most important of those was congratulating Governor Amy Zimmerman for the success of the First Family Project. Over 60 Amtryke cycles have been awarded throughout the district that have given the gift of mobility to children and adults, including veterans! Congratulations Amy on a wonderful project! I know that more presentations are in the work before this project is completed.

Award Recipients Named at Convention

The Saturday evening banquet at the Ohio District Convention was an exciting event that included the naming of three annual award recipients.

Far Left, is Jim Janosik of the Worthington-Linworth and Polaris Area Kiwanis Clubs who was received the Douglas R.K. Everett Award for Outstanding District Chair for his efforts as Public Relations Chair.

Center is Scoth Lindsey of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Columbus who received the Outstanding Lt. Governor of the Year Award for his outstanding ongoing work in Division 10-West.

On the Right, is Division 10 East’s Lt. Governor Jennifer Lewis from the Kiwanis Club of Granville. Her involvement with the Granville Key Club, her assistance in building the Aktion Club of Licking County and a Circle K Club at Columbus State University made her a shoo –in for the David B. Gillespie Award for Outstanding Sponsored Program Support Award. Congratulations to these Kiwanians and their outstanding work.
The year is winding down, but the New Club Team is out in full swing. Our two newest clubs in Polaris and Springboro continue to add new members to their Rosters, and we have activity all over Ohio.

We are expecting at least two new clubs to open before the end of the Kiwanis year, and have several more that show promise to open early in the next Kiwanis year. By this time next month, we hope to have new clubs in Cuyahoga Falls and in the Rookwood/Norwood/Hyde Park area.

Do you know other like minded individuals that need Kiwanis in their communities? Is there a need for Kiwanis presence in the area you live?

The more new clubs we can open, the more we can serve the children of Ohio. Please contact any member of the new club team, or email me at: kathleenmoylan@bellsouth.net.

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Eliminate Project Continues

It’s Success in Ohio

The Eliminate project, and the Fulfillment of our district goal, continued to be successful as evidenced by awards at our recent district convention in Cincinnati. Leading the list of honorees were the Columbus and Cincinnati Kiwanis.

For Columbus, their achievement of the original pledged goal of $200,000 - a goal that keeps increasing and is now at $267,475.49 - means that Per Member Average giving is at a rate of $2,286.00 per member. That equates to each member saving and/or protecting 1,270 lives.

And not to be outdone is Cincinnati, home of 2015-16 Governor Amy Zimmerman. The club originally started on a $100,000 goal with 100 members by their 100th birthday (just this past weekend). But Cincinnati has also increased its pledged goal to $169,149.52, meaning that Per Member Average giving is at a rate of $3,317.00 per member. That equates to each member saving and/or protecting 1,843 lives.

Also recognized for their pledges and saving lives were Lt. Gov. Matt Nussbaum and Ottawa Kiwanis, who pledged to be a Bronze club; the Delaware County club and past Gov. Jack Hilborn, whose club is now at a Platinum level; Dick Brulotte and the Delaware Club, who pledged at the Bronze level; Dr. Dennis Lehman and the Elyria Kiwanis for their $10,000 pledge; Lynn Stoycheff and the Marysville Kiwanis, who pledged to become a Model club; The Akron club and Lt. Gov. Laura Brelin, who pledged to become a Silver club; and finally Lt. Gov. Ron Lyness and the New Philadelphia Kiwanis who also pledged to become a Silver club. Thanks to everyone for saving so many lives!!!!!!!!

But what can you do? There is still time to be involved, as the Eliminate Project Fulfillment campaign will allow clubs to continue to 2020 to complete their pledges. Additionally, have you considered what it would be like to wake up every morning and know you have saved a life? You can do this through the Save a Baby a Day program. $1.80 per day is all it takes for a year - or two years. Consider partnering with other members in your club to achieve this awesome goal!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, TO EVERYONE IN THE OHIO DISTRICT WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN A BIG OR SMALL WAY IN THE ELIMINATE PROJECT. The mothers and their children thank you.

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As I left the Ohio Kiwanis District Convention in Mason, Ohio, one thing that I noticed was that there was a sense of undeniable character all around me. This sense of character has been palpable all throughout the Kiwanis administrative year by the presence of involving both our entire Kiwanis family as well as our own families in socials, fundraisers, and service projects. Speaking of character, school is about to start for students in the U.S. and across the world. I can guarantee that every single person can think of a memory from elementary, middle, or high school where they had a situation that ultimately shaped their character.

Below is an idea based on each grade level (or grade level range) that Kiwanis clubs can use to help nurture character development when they are involved with school students as well as being with students in our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs):

From Character.org’s 11 Principles of Effective Character Education (http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/):

**Pre-K & Kindergarten:** The Crayon Box that Talked (Students will learn to be caring and respectful toward others despite differences.) Link- http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/elementary/radix-elementary-school-2/

**1st Grade:** The Golden Rule: Do Unto Otters (Students will describe how they should treat others.) Link- http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/elementary/plattin-primary-school-2/

**2nd Grade:** Creating Caring with Project Linus (Students will work together to create blankets for sick children through Project Linus.) Link- http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/elementary/woerther-elementary-school/

**3rd Grade:** Eco-Project: What’s Wrong with the World? (And How Do We Fix It?) (Students work together to research an ecological issues and then specify solutions that families can take to address the issue.) Link- http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/elementary/kay-granger-elementary-school/

**4th Grade:** Be an Upstander and Say Something! (Students will think about how one might act as a witness or bystander to bullying, and to differentiate between times when a student can “take a stand” and times when a student needs to ask an adult for help). Link- http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/elementary/walnut-street-school/

**5th Grade:** Exploring our Cultural Customs (Students will inform classmates about their cultural customs and family traditions.) Link- http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/elementary/madison-park-elementary-school/

**6th - 8th Grades:**
Waves of Life (Students will examine the "highs" and "lows" in their lives by comparing these to the parts of a wave; students will gain self-awareness and a greater understanding of the parts of a wave.) Link- http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/middle/pinellas-county-schools/

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**6th - 8th Grades:**
Portraits of Resilience (Students use literary sources to come to a deeper understanding of human resilience and the importance of tolerance in society.) Link- [http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/middle/rosa-international-middle-school-2/](http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/middle/rosa-international-middle-school-2/)

**9th - 12th Grades:**
Got Seatbelts? (Students are empowered through advocacy to make a positive life difference for members of their school, family, and community.) Link- [http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/high/lindbergh-high-school/](http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/high/lindbergh-high-school/)

Inspirations from Gandhi (Students will work with a partner to create motivational poster based on famous quotes by Gandhi.) Link- [http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/high/south-brunswick-high-school/](http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/high/south-brunswick-high-school/)

Kiwanians are known to be creative in fostering the minds of our future leaders through activities and ideas such as these above. Make sure to get other Kiwanians, SLP members, and family members involved so that we can make an even greater impact on the children of the world this school year.

**Convention 2016**

Friday Night Kiwanis Karnival with games, music, fortune tellers, magicians and a photo booth!
Kiwanis Convention 2016

Locations of Amtryke donations

Basket Auction Room

Saturday and Sunday

An invitation to Paris, site of the Kiwanis International Convention in 2017

Checking out the new #Kids Need Kiwanis Campaign

Educational Sessions

A very excited young lady receives a brand new Amtryke!
Governor Amy and First Mom, Sandy

Newly retired committee Chairs, Dan Litzinger, Jeri Penn and Ted Barrows

Retirement of the 2015-16 District Board

Governor Designate Bill addresses the membership.

District Treasurer Designate Peggy McQuistion gets pinned husband Brian

Some of the 2016-17 District Board being installed.

Dave Kuhn signals the end of the 2016 Convention