

# Buckeye Bulletin

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

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truly leading into the next century

## Message from Governor Amy

The weather may be cold outside, but that doesn't mean that our Ohio Kiwanis Clubs aren't hard at Service from A to Z in your local communities, from Amtrykes to Zellers for the Eliminate Project, and inviting new members, 110 to be exact, to join in hands on service! New Service Leadership Programs are popping up like spring flowers - more than 10 since the start of this year actually! All this, while our Kiwanis Organization turns 101....we are of service!

**So I ask you as you bundle up** in your long coat, wool hat, mittens and scarf and venture out...what other impactful service will you provide to your community? Are you up to the challenge of sponsoring a new club in a neighboring community or a new SLP at a school near your club so that an entire new group of students or adults might share your enthusiasm to help another? Are you going to sponsor a child or vet with a disability with a therapeutic bicycle, An Amtryke to make their life a little more normal, to enable them to be a little more mobile?

**Our new service leadership programs are already hard at work...** The new K-Kids at Hubbard Mastery School are planning a shoe drive, Lantern Festival, collecting box tops and soup labels for the playground fund, in addition to selling Yankee Candles! The new Aktion Club of Shelby County members volunteered at the Recycling center with the Sidney Kiwanis Club. Special kudos to all our SLP programs and to the Kiwanians that support them in their service!

**How can you engage further?** I am so glad you asked- why not 1) look for a location for a new SLP club in your area 2) make sure our current sponsorship of an SLP is fully engaged 3) why not attend an upcoming SLP convention or event. **Circle K District Convention is Feb 27-28.** Sponsor a student to attend or make a donation to the Kiwanis Investment in Circle K (KICK fund of ODKF). **Key Club District Leadership Conference will be March 11-13.** Yes, there will be a **Spring Key Leader, April 22-24th** weekend. Please use this opportunity to reach out now to your local Key Clubs and even Builders Club members that are in the 8th grade to invite them to register for this experiential and inspirational Servant Leadership Retreat held in Ashley Ohio. You are also personally invited to engage with any of these activities to see what happens and share the experience with your club.

**In closing,** I invite you to bring a **family member** to your next event and to do some impactful, family friendly service projects with your Kiwanis family, your personal family and families in your local community.

Yours in Services

***Amy L Zimmerman***

Ohio Kiwanis Governor

## District Secretary's Notes:

Registration for the 2016 Ohio District Mid-Year Education Day is now in full swing. You can register online by going to [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org) and clicking on the link on the Mid Year Education Day page in the menu on the right side. Other information, as well as links to print off hard copies of the registration forms can also be found on that page. We will have the workshop schedule listed on the website very soon. Please register soon as space is limited and the first 50 "first time" Kiwanis member attendees will receive a \$15.00 discount!

**Dave Whiteman**

**District Secretary**

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### **990 Tax Return Final Notice**

All Kiwanis Clubs (regardless of size) must file a Form 990, Form 990 EZ, or a Form 990-N with the Internal Revenue Service by no later than February 15, 2016. Failure to do so could result in loss of your Blanket Exemption from Federal Income Taxation. As of this month, 31 Ohio District Kiwanis Clubs are listed on the IRS Website as having lost their tax exempt status due to failure to file one of the above forms for three consecutive years. If you are unsure of your club's status, please call me right away in the district office at (614) 848-5000 Extension 2. For additional information, please click on the following link on the Kiwanis International website: [www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/club-leaders/treasurer/irs-forms](http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/club-leaders/treasurer/irs-forms)

### **2015-16 Club Insurance Resource Guide**

Your club secretary should have received the 2015-16 Insurance Resource Guide in a mailing from Kiwanis International. It contains answers and information to most questions about your liability coverage and risk management practices. If you have specific liability insurance questions, you can call Lisa Heindricks at Kiwanis International (1-800-549-2647 ext 112) or our district Risk Manager Jack Hilborn (1-740-369-9641 or [hilborn@midohio.net](mailto:hilborn@midohio.net)). You can also view all of the material online at [www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/risk-management](http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/risk-management).

Dave Whiteman  
District Secretary

### **Troy Kiwanis Club provides a hit for Field of Dreams**

The Kiwanis Club of Troy made a \$30,000 donation to the Miracle League of Miami Valley to kick off a fundraising effort to build a very special baseball field in their community.

The purpose of the Miracle League of the Miami Valley (MLotMV) is to provide children and adults with physical disabilities the opportunity to experience the joy and benefits that come from playing baseball through the operation and conduct of a baseball program. Whether an individual uses a wheelchair, walker or other assistive device for mobility, the program is designed to create possibilities for individuals who would otherwise not have the opportunity to play the game. Furthermore, the corporation's purpose is to teach the fundamentals of baseball, promote teamwork and good sportsmanship, and develop friendships through social interaction.

The Miracle League baseball field will be constructed of specialized materials to allow for players using wheelchairs, walkers and other mobility devices to navigate the field. The program will utilize a "buddy system" to provide player and team support.

The estimated cost of the field is approximately \$800,000, and is expected to be a multi-year project.

## 2016 Midyear Education Day Registration Now Open!

I encourage all Club Leaders or those moving towards Leadership to attend this year's Mid-Year Education Day on March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Crown Plaza North, 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus. It is a beautiful, comfortable facility with great food. Thanks to Governor Amy we have an all-star lineup of speakers/trainers, including International President Sue Petrisin, Past International President Paul Palazzolo, International Trustee Barbara Thompson, as well as many more experts from Kiwanis International and the Ohio District.

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**Education Day Chair**  
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The format will be based on the Formula and the I-Plan starting at 9:00am and ending with a Service Fair and Ice Cream Social sponsored by Ohio Foundation from 3:00 to 5:00pm. The day of training will be fast paced with excellent opportunities to learn about latest Kiwanis initiatives to help strengthen our Clubs.

There will be a lot of opportunities for interaction and fun as well as chances to win one of the many prizes that will be offered during the Service Fair and Ice Cream Social. If you have been to a Mid-Year event in the past, I challenge you to attend and participate in our new format learning about the future direction of Kiwanis. I promise you will come away with a deeper understanding of what Kiwanis has to offer. I also encourage those who have never attended a Mid-Year event to take advantage of the discounted registration for first time attendees. I again encourage you to go to the Ohio District web-site today and signup as registration is filling up fast and I don't want you to miss out on this opportunity.

### Ohio Kiwanians Embrace Amtrykes Project

Several children across Ohio had an extra special holiday because of the generosity of Ohio Kiwanians. In August, at the Ohio District Kiwanis Convention, Amy Zimmerman introduced Amtrykes as the 2015-16 Kiwanis Family Project.

These modified tricycles provide a means of inclusion and transportation for individuals with mobility challenges. They range in sizes to accommodate toddlers to adults. Each Amtryke is built with specific adaptations to meet the needs of the new owner. Many have hand pedals which can be beneficial for veterans or individuals with spina bifida.

Clubs interested in learning more about the Amtrykes project can contact [ambucs.org](http://ambucs.org) or can call Sandy Zimmerman at 937-429-3764. Clubs wishing to support the program may do so by donating to the "Governor's Project" through The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. [Www.odkf.org](http://Www.odkf.org)

Children pictured received their bikes at Division meetings at Beavercreek, Westerville and at the Ohio District Kiwanis Board Meeting. Many thanks (and smiles) go to Kiwanians who sponsored these gifts.

Photos and videos are available at Governor Amy's blog

[Kiwanisamyz.wordpress.com](http://Kiwanisamyz.wordpress.com)



## MidYear Education Day needs you!

Ever wonder who your Kiwanis leaders are outside of the Great Ohio District? Ever wish that you could mix ice cream with all of your meetings? Well, guess what... this year's MidYear Education Day will provide answers to both questions.

The format for MidYear will be slightly different this year as we apply our focus to the Kiwanis International initiative known as the iPlan: Inspiration, Impact, Image, and Investment. Our Keynote presentation in the morning will feature past International President Paul Palazolo who will inspire us all with a touch of inspiration about membership, clubs and retention.

The morning breakout sessions will feature five choices:

- Impact, our current International Trustee Barb Thompson
- Image, Vicki Hermansen, Kiwanis International Public Relations Manager
- Investment, our Ohio Kiwanis Foundation will be presenting on grant writing and how our foundation dollars are being invested right here in Ohio.
- iPlan Technology 101 will help get you started leveraging technology for implementation.
- Aktion Club Management will offer expectations of officers and club management

We reconvene as a group for lunch with current International President Sue Petrisin providing some comprehensive iPlan information as well as her current message. Lunch will also feature the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame inductions, and more.

The after lunch breakout sessions will again focus on the iPlan.

- Impact, the current first family project: Amtryke bikes will be presented by Governor Amy Zimmerman and Sandy Zimmerman. These are amazing stories and oh my, what an impact they have.
- Image, Linda Lawther, Governor of the Michigan District will be our guest presenter.
- Investment, Pam Norman, Kiwanis International Sr. Director Corporate Relations
- iPlan Technology 102 will be an intermediate technology session going into more depth and details to utilize technology for your clubs.
- Aktion Clubs Service Ideas will feature a discussion about some service projects that have worked really well and how your clubs can engage with our fastest growing Service Leadership Program.

Please watch the website for any last minute changes in the schedule.

Did I mention ice cream? Don't worry, I didn't forget. How can you mix ice cream into this meeting of Ohio Kiwanians? An ice cream social of course. The day will conclude with a very fun ice cream social mixed with a service fair. Many activities are planned for this event to feature local art, picture taking opportunities, table displays with your Ohio leaders available to discuss things like risk management, youth protection, and much, much more.

Your Ohio District MidYear is right around the corner on March 5 and is waiting for you!

**Crowne Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus 43229**

**Save with early bird rates—only \$55 before February 6! (includes lunch)**

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## **Ohio District Circle K**

Hello Ohio Kiwanians! As our Spring semester has begun, our CKI clubs are already active in performing service around our communities! Many clubs participated in the MLK Day of service last week, but are also busy performing service on every day of the week. We are happy to have such a dedicated group of clubs working to make a difference every day.

**Tyler Milburn**

**Ohio District Circle K**

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At the District level, my board and I are busy with some final preparing for our District Convention, which will be held Feb. 27-28 at The Ohio State University. We are looking at clubs around the state of Ohio coming in for a full weekend of service, leadership, and fellowship. We would welcome any Kiwanian to register to spend part of the weekend with us, where you can find our guest registration at <http://dconpage.jimdo.com/app/download/6160655362/Guest-Registration-form-2016.pdf?t=1452977457>, but please remember to submit it by this Thursday! If you are interested in being involved with us for the weekend, but cannot make it, please consider purchasing an ad in our program, where you can advertise your club, a service project, or just reach out to CKI members! We are excited for such a great weekend coming up, and hope that you can be involved! The link to the form can be found here: <http://dconpage.jimdo.com/ad-sales/>

The weekend following our DCON will be your Kiwanis Midyear, so if you cannot participate in our DCON, I hope to get to talk to you at Midyear! I will be attending the event, as well as a few members of my board, so please feel free to introduce yourself and talk to us that weekend! We would love to meet as many new faces as we can, as well as catch up with old friends.

Thank you for your support this year, and I hope you will reach out to me if there is anything I can do!

In Service,

Governor Tyler Milburn

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**Ohio District Key Club**

Hello Ohio District Kiwanis,

The Ohio Key Club District Leadership Conference will be held on March 11-13th at the Dublin Embassy Suites Hotel. We appreciate your generous support in the past and hope that you can provide the same once again. For those of you not familiar with the schedule for DLC, it can be easily compared to that of Kiwanis District Convention. On Friday night, we enjoy a keynote speaker during our opening session and a meet and greet where we

hope to plan fun activities that will allow members to interact with one another easily. Throughout the day on Saturday, attendees will attend themed forums to help them build their clubs and further develop leadership skills. This year, we are planning to have a small service project that everyone can participate in. During House of Delegates for our Executive elections, we will be holding a large scale service fair that over 40 nonprofit vendors have been invited to join us. In the evening, we will celebrate the retirement of the district board and have a dance. Clubs will be recognized for their outstanding achievements and the next district board will be installed the following morning.

We are looking forward to our "Service Around the World" themed DLC! We would greatly appreciate it if Kiwanis clubs would promote this event to their sponsoring Key Clubs by encouraging them to attend and helping them do so if possible. Registration, contests, elections, and extra information packets for you to share with Key Clubs can all be found here: <http://ohkc.org/dlc-forms/>. Please contact me if you or your Key Clubs have any questions!

Yours in Service,

Governor Laura Colagiovanni

## Kiwanis One Day Just Around the Corner

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Kiwanis One Day provides clubs around the world with the opportunity to provide meaningful service within a common timeframe. For 2016, Kiwanis One Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are many Kiwanis One Day Resources available on the Kiwanis.org website.

While the focus for Kiwanis One Day is the aspect of global service, it is the combined local efforts that are the most important components. That begins with your club's participation. Clubs may have a major significant impact project scheduled for that day such as the construction of a playground. Or perhaps painting several rooms at a shelter might be possible. But don't overlook the potential of "blitzing" your community with a number of small projects as well. Sending teams of Kiwanis members out to; deliver fresh fruit to a shelter, visit with residents of a nursing home, clean up a park, remove graffiti, read to children at the library could all combine to have a great impact in your community.

Regardless of the scope of your club's Kiwanis One Day project, getting involved is the first step. So make a plan and get a lot done! Oh, and don't forget to involve the entire Kiwanis family, your members and their families and your SLP members can all help make Kiwanis One Day a truly successful experience.

## OHIO KIWANIS BLESSED BY STRONG ELIMINATE SUPPORT

As we begin the 2016 Kiwanis year, Ohio Kiwanis as a whole is blessed to have a VERY strong Eliminate support from its membership. Currently our overall totals are at \$2.5 million out of the \$4.2 million goal - but the best news is what has happened during October-December 2015.

During this time, the district saw the addition of one new Model club in Marysville; new Silver clubs in Akron, New Philadelphia and Springfield; new Bronze clubs in Eastern Columbus, Ottawa, Ashville and Dublin; Fairview Park raising its pledge to the Platinum level of \$1,500 per member; and the Bellevue Kiwanis giving out four (4) Zellers and pledging a Hixson to complete their pledge and become a Legacy Model club. **OUTSTANDING WORK!**

Yet we still have "miles to go before we sleep", to coin an old phrase. Our work is not over until every last woman and child in this world has the opportunity to live! Despite figures that say we are almost done, in Ohio we are continuing our progress on a one-to-one basis, while at the same time beginning strategic planning for the 2016-17 Kiwanis year. This also includes clubs who have pledged at any giving level and can still access the Zeller awards and Save a Baby a Day giving.

**ELIMINATE**  
maternal/neonatal tetanus

I am proud to be an Ohio Kiwanian where so many have been so giving and truly "changing the world one child and one community at a time."

## The Formula: A Membership Initiative For All

There is no service without dedicated Kiwanians and the purpose for Kiwanis is our terrific service. Our challenge, yours and mine, is to grow our service and strengthen our clubs. This is the purpose of The Formula: to strengthen our clubs.

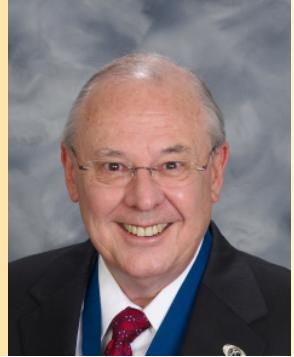
When members share Kiwanis with others, their clubs become stronger, new clubs open and communities benefit from stronger, better Kiwanis service. This idea inspired The Formula's tagline (Love it. Share it. Live it.).



As a part of The Formula, we have designated Club Counselors within each Division as a resource to assist Clubs, in conjunction with the Lt. Governors, in strengthening clubs, encouraging achievement and in improving the overall member experience. How does your club get their help? Just ask them.

Join our effort today. Be part of members loving, sharing and living their Kiwanis experience.

Do it for your club and your community. This is how we continue our great legacy.



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## Public Relations

A new year usually brings with it feelings of a fresh start, new beginnings, and do-over's. It usually also brings resolutions to improve our personal images through more exercise, healthier eating, or being more generous. In our clubs around Ohio it should be no different. The new year is a great time to try out a few new things like our new Webinar Wednesday's (click the link on the district website to join), join the Ohio

District Kiwanis Group page on Facebook, Like our new public page for the District and the District Foundation, update your LinkedIn profile with your volunteer experience with Kiwanis, review the Kiwanis Brand Guide and make sure your club has the current Kiwanis seal in use for your flyers, brochures, newsletters and digital media.

It's also a great time to toot your own horn and show your community all the great things your club does through a press release. We talked about those a bit in our January 6th Webinar (you can catch the replay on our YouTube channel: OhioKiwanis). Whatever it is that you resolve to do in the new year, we hope that improving the image of Kiwanis International through increased public exposure is on your list!



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## Builders Club Serving Their Community

The Tiffin Middle School Builder's Club helped Santa this year. The members filled stockings for The "Stockings for Soldiers" campaign, participated in the annual Tiffin Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade and worked at the Salvation Army to make Christmas Baskets.



## Independence K-Kids on a Roll for Service

The K-Kids Club of Independence Elementary School in Lima led a school wide drive that resulted in nearly 800 rolls of toilet paper being collected for the Samaritan House, a local shelter for women and children through age 11. This is the fifth year for this service project.

## PLANNED GIVING – WHAT IS IT?

Submitted for: The Planned Giving Committee of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, Doug Huth

A study entitled "Shelter Donor Report" indicated that only 30-35% of the population know what planned giving is about. Through this process an individual creates a legacy representing the lifestyle traditions that have had significant meaning in their own lifetime. A financial gift given to those organizations representing a donor's passion and purpose for a better world through a significant and heart felt gift planning that will last more than their lifetime. It's a win win situation for all who care for our future generations and vibrant communities. I believe that captures the heart of all Kiwanians and the lives of service they give to their communities and the organization. Through a simple donation, a portion of an asset naming an organization in a will, or stipulating it as a beneficiary either in specific amounts or a remaining percentage, a planned gift will perpetuate the ideas of an organization in the future.

Your Ohio District Foundation initiated a planned giving program to enable Ohio District Kiwanian to include their legacy of service and belief in the Kiwanis values to be preserved for the future. Imagine the impact of your gift to the Foundation's **Endowment Society** multiplying in the future to benefit all Ohio Kiwanians in service and support of their communities and children through grants received from the Foundation - perpetuating ideals of community service, promoting safe and healthy children and developing leadership qualities in young adults – all for a better Ohio and world.

Your District Kiwanis Foundation efficiently manages its assets to ensure grant money availability with your endowed gift and future gifts to add to the corpus. This professional and efficient prudent management of foundation assets has and will ensure growth in the number of grants to our Ohio communities and sponsor youth. The growth the foundation has enjoyed is a tribute to the giving hearts and support of you our Foundation members. We Thank you for your support over the years from our beginnings in 1983 to now and into the future. We are here to support your clubs. Please give some consideration to becoming a member of the **Endowment Society** through a planned gift.

For more information and discussion on **Endowment Society Fund** possibilities and potential estate benefits, contact Executive Director, A. Alan Penn at director@odkf.org.



## **Back by popular demand!**

Spring Key Leader. Making its return to Ohio, Spring Key Leader will be at Recreation Unlimited April 22-24, 2016.

Who can attend? Would you be surprised to know that 8<sup>th</sup> graders are permitted to participate in spring events? It's true! Not only are high-school-aged students welcome, 8<sup>th</sup> graders are, too.

What does this mean? It means that even if it is Prom weekend or track relays or baseball playoffs, you can still give a student an amazing service leadership education experience. It means that your Key Club will be ahead of the game because the youngest members will come into the new year with strong leadership skills already in development.

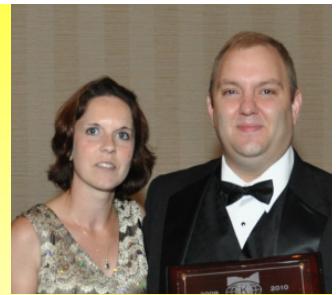
***"There is hope for the future and I am standing in the middle of it."***

**Lead Facilitator Craig Crawford, Ohio**

**Brian and Kelly Shaffer**

**Key Leader**

**District Chairs**



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Hit the ground running when school starts in August. Sponsor a student to participate in Key Leader this spring.

How much does it cost? Registration is still only \$250 for students registered by April 8. Key Club and Builders Club members enjoy a discounted rate of \$225.

What if we can't afford it? You can partner with another local club or your division to sponsor a student if the registration cost is too much. You can assist your students in creating a fundraiser to help offset the cost. Key Club and Builders Club can help too. Consider the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 method. Kiwanis, Key Club or Builders Club, and the student split the cost three ways. That's only \$75 each. Another option is to ask the school if there are funds available for leadership education or to seek out sponsorships from local businesses. Who wouldn't want to have servant leaders in their community?!

Are there any other ways we could help? You and/or your club could make a donation to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and designate it for Key Leader. These funds are used to help students who don't have sponsors. The Key Leader committee can put funds together to create scholarships. Please contact Brian Yacucci at [byacucci@cinci.rr.com](mailto:byacucci@cinci.rr.com) to discuss other ways you can help with the event.

Registration is open at [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org). Contact Kelly or Brian Shaffer at [ohiokeyleader@gmail.com](mailto:ohiokeyleader@gmail.com) with questions.

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