Happy New Year!

Anne and I extend our most sincere wishes to you and your families for a productive, healthy and happy New Year. Have you been getting used to writing “2020” instead of “2019” yet? As always, it takes some getting accustomed to before it flows freely from my ink pen or keyboard strokes. It’s the perfect time of year to reflect on last year and become super charged as we move forward into “2020” both personally and as dedicated, servant leaders within our Ohio District of Kiwanis. How about resolutions for “2020”? Any new plans to improve the lives of others this new year? A great way to begin is through our very own Kiwanis Clubs. Perhaps your Kiwanis Club could consider the following resolutions for this year.

♦ Sponsor a new member into Kiwanis. Share your very own Kiwanis story with neighbors, community leaders, educators, friends and family. Just think of how much more service can be done with more hands-on participation. Mentor and groom these new members into leadership positions to keep the life blood of your Kiwanis Club flowing.

♦ We need to keep our existing Kiwanis Clubs healthy and GROWING. This can be accomplished by being active, involved and aware of the needs within our communities.

♦ Kiwanis International President, Daniel Vigneron, recently expressed that as Kiwanians, we need to go back and help our Kiwanis Clubs formed in the last 3 years. Statistically, this group has the highest percentage of club failures. This needs to stop.

♦ Complete a Prevention of Kids Head Trauma related service project in your community. Remember to include your Service Leadership Programs in the project too. Take pictures and post them on social media and our Ohio District Kiwanis website. Alert the media.

♦ Purchase or make donations towards bicycle helmets as apart of our 2019-20’ First Family Project through the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation website, www.odkf.org.

♦ Plan on attending Mid Year Education Day on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at The Nationwide Conference Center. A new format including Key Note Speaker, special Kiwanis International Guests, newly revised forums and presenters along with a new luncheon venue will highlight this event. In addition, updated information on attending Kiwanis International Convention 2020, Indianapolis, June 17-20.

Just imagine the positive growth in Ohio District Kiwanis, both in Service and Membership, could be achieved if each Kiwanis Club would initiate just a few of these resolutions. Thank you for all you do make your Kiwanis Club and Communities successful in 2020!

Did you know?

♦ Registration for the Ohio Kiwanis Mid Year Education Day is live at www.ohiokiwanis.org. The first 50 first time attendees who register online—will receive a discount!

♦ Sponsorship fees are past due for Key Club. $100 per club sponsored helps the Key Club District keep their dues at a minimum.
Notes from the Executive Director

Registration for 2020 Ohio District Mid-Year Education Day is now open. You can register online by going to 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, who register online only, will receive a $15.00 discount!

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, 2020. Failure to do so could result in loss of your Blanket Exemption from Federal Income Taxation. For additional information, please click on the following link on the Kiwanis International website: https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/club-leader/club-treasurer-education/irs-forms

District Bylaw Amendments
A club, by majority vote of its active members, may propose bylaw amendments to be considered at any convention of the district, provided they are submitted to the District Secretary not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the convention. Our District Convention this year begins on August 7, 2020 so if your club would like to propose any amendments to the District Bylaws the amendments must be submitted no later than Monday, June 8, 2020 to executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org.

2020 International Convention
On-line registration is scheduled to open on January 15 for the 105th Kiwanis International Convention June 17-20, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana. For more information visit the Convention website at https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020

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: info@ohiokiwanis.org. We will use them as space allows.
Your Membership Team hopes you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As we enter 2020 let us all be thankful for all the service our Ohio District Clubs have provided for the youth of our communities as well as the work projects completed in those communities.

However, there is still more to be done and recruiting more members is the top priority of every club because there will always be attrition that every club faces. More members for every club will continue to address the needs that occur in our Ohio District.

By inviting prospective members to participate or just attend club projects is an excellent way to create interest in Kiwanis. We know from experience that young adults prefer to get involved with more “Hands on Projects” as opposed to some of the more traditional things that clubs do during a meeting.

Evaluating what your club does and its effectiveness can be accomplished by dividing club members into pair or groups with a note card with questions like “How can we keep our club strong”, or “I joined this club because”, or “People to invite to our club” etc...

Celebrate Your Successes by recognizing members by giving them a note, smile and say “Thank You”, plan a social get-together, praise them verbally in public or privately, get them a small gift, send flowers or balloons, etc.. to their place of employment (this also gives your club visibility).

In closing, doing the things mentioned above will help grow your club membership which is the responsibility of every member that in the long run will keep the Ohio District strong for the future.

Governor helps give helmets to Wellington K-Kids

Members of the Wellington Kiwanis Club attending the Division 13 Governor’s visit on November 6 heard Governor and First Lady Time and Anne Cornelius outline the goals of the first family project, “Preventing Head Trauma.”

At the club’s business meeting the very next day, they raised enough money through individual commitments to purchase 96 bicycle helmets to give to each of the 75 members of their K-Kids club. On December 17, the governor and first lady visited Westwood Elementary School to present each of the members attending the last K-Kids meeting before their holiday break with a bicycle helmet Christmas present.

“Several of us ride bicycles and we understand the importance of wearing helmets to prevent injury,” said club President Rev. Paul Wilson. “Our fund-raising dollars are pretty much committed, so, we simply passed the hat. One member generously contributed $500 and we received additional commitments ranging from $50 to $200. The club had to contribute the final $2. The students were excited and pledged to wear them.”

Ohio Kiwanis Governor Tim Cornelius passes on a bike helmet to an excited youngster at the Westwood Elementary K-Kids
In Case You Missed It... Here is the Kiwanis International Float for the Rose Bowl Parade. Each year, hundreds of Kiwanis Family members assist in decorating the many floats of this New Years Day Parade. In fact, we provide more volunteers than any other organization. Each year, the Kiwanis International President, the California Kiwanis Governor and a few select Kiwanis Family members are afforded the opportunity to ride in the parade!

Students Send Soldiers Holiday Cheer

Tiffin Middle School Builders Club members pose with the more than 100 stockings they put together for soldiers. Donations from students and community members filled these reminders of the holiday.

The Builders Club members have done this project for several years and enjoy stuffing the stockings; and the club members look forward to it every year.

Completed stockings are collected by a local company and then shipped to an oversees military base.
Wellington brings 2nd and Seven literacy program to school

The Wellington Kiwanis Club introduced the 2nd and Seven second grade literacy program at its local elementary School with the help of the Wellington High School Athletic Leadership Council.

Club President Terry Mazzone (now Division 13 Lt. Governor) and Secretary Carol Burke attended the 2019 Mid-Year Convention and heard keynote speaker Ryan Miller talk about the 2nd and Seven literacy program he and fellow OSU alumni founded 20 years ago.

Mazzone and Burke invited Director of Student Life and Athletic Director John Bowman and high school football coach Rob Howells to the weekly Kiwanis meeting where the program was introduced. Bowman and Howells felt this was an ideal service project for the school’s recently formed athletic council to undertake. Mazzone and Burke followed up with a meeting with the elementary principal and the second-grade teachers at Westwood Elementary School. The appropriate paperwork was signed by school officials and final arrangements were put into place with Second and Seven. The program was introduced at a full meeting of the student athletic council in September with several students volunteering to read to the students each month.

Each month on a Friday morning, members of the athletic council greet students as they enter the school and read a story about the “Hog Mollies.”

“It’s a great way for our high school leaders to interact with the elementary students,” Bowman said. “They look up to these athletes as role models. Plus, the “Hog Mollies” are fun and provide life lessons. It shows reading can be fun.”

The 2nd & 7 Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Columbus. Three former Ohio State University football players, Luke Fickell, Ryan Miller and Mike Vrabel, started the foundation in 1999. Inspired by their involvement in various community outreach programs as student athletes, they decided to continue making a difference by promoting literacy and providing positive role models for children in central Ohio. During the 2017-18 school year, over 170 programs were implemented in 23 states, with over 67,000 new books distributed to children in need by positive role models from high schools and universities throughout the country.

“You never know what great idea you’ll pick up when Kiwanians get together. We picked up a great program at Mid-Year,” Mazzone said. “This program helps promote literacy in our schools. Second and Seven proved to be an easy, free program to help our students with their reading skills. In our mind, it’s a win-win.”
Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, signature projects are the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their communities.

Kiwanis International will host the Fourth Annual Signature Project Recognition Program for districts in 2020. New to this year’s contest is the establishment of two contest tiers. Clubs with 27 members or fewer will be judged in the Tier I category. Clubs with 28 members or more will be judged in Tier II category. Each tier will be judged separately, and the top 10 finalists will be determined for each tier. The top three selections from each tier will be recognized as the gold, silver and bronze winners at the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention.

Submit your club’s signature project using this online contest submission form - https://kiwanis.formstack.com/forms/signatureprojectcontest2020_english. The deadline to submit your club’s project is Midnight EST on January 27, 2020.

Each club’s entry will be sent to their district secretary for district leadership to select their Tier I and Tier II submissions to the 2020 Signature Project Contest.

The Kiwanis International Board Committee on Service and Partnerships will review qualifying submissions and select the finalists. The finalists will be recognized at the Kiwanis International convention where the top winners will be announced and receive awards. Finalists will be notified of their selection in time to take advantage of the discounted convention early registration rates.

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What is a signature project?

Think about what your Kiwanis club is known for in your community. It can be a service project or a fundraiser. Signature projects:

- Are recurring. (Note: A new project can qualify as a signature project if the intent is to continue the project.)
- Enhance the Kiwanis image.
- Demonstrate significant impact on the community in terms of monies raised or children served.
- Strengthen membership and partnership opportunities.

For more information visit the Kiwanis Website at Kiwanis.org/signatureproject.

K-Kids Deliver Holiday Cheer

The K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School in Lima made Christmas cards and ornaments which were delivered to the 83 residents of a residential facility called The Springs of Lima.

The residents truly enjoyed the homemade greetings and spent time comparing and sharing the student’s efforts. The ornaments were simple origami pinwheel stars made in festive colors.
Leadership Skills in our student leaders manifest in many ways. Being more aware of the world around them and sensitive to the needs of others is just one life skill they develop. Margaret Lee is a senior at Hilliard Darby High School and has grown up in the Kiwanis Family. Her father is Ohio Kiwanis Executive Director, Lanton Lee. Her mother Lori, is immediate past president of the Hilliard Kiwanis Club and former Circle K Administrator in the Southwest District. This is the story of how the leadership skills she has developed through our SLP programs has made a difference in not only her life, but in meeting the unseen need of her peers.

Food for Thought
by Margaret Lee

In 8th grade, I saw one of my friends struggle because she didn’t have enough money for lunch due to life circumstances; ever since I have tried to help her and my peers who didn’t have something to eat by giving part of my lunch away. When I got to high school, I realized there were many other students around me who were struggling because of food insecurity. After hearing Martin Butler of Neighborhood Services speak at the Kiwanis Mid-Year Education Day two years ago, I knew something needed to be done about this issue. I worked with my high school administration team and the Hilliard Kiwanis club to create a food pantry in my high school.

As of January 7th, 2019, The Darby Pantry has been open and functioning, serving an average of 80 students a week. With the help of the Darby Key Club, we restock the pantry each week on Fridays. Food is purchased through the Hilliard Kiwanis club since they are a Mid-Ohio Food Bank agency and they can buy food for pennies on the dollars; making sure the pantry is always stocked. I have also been able to partner with other organizations such as Neighborhood Bridges to add more resources to the pantry over the past two years. In addition to purchasing food, we have hosted a couple of food drives, one between Hilliard Darby and Hilliard Davidson during the week of the football game and the other the week of the Super Bowl.

After seeing the impact of the Darby Pantry I set the goal of expanding the pantry to the other Secondary Education buildings in Hilliard. At the same time, I was accepted to speak at a local conference called O2 hosted at a local church. There I, received $4,000 to expand the pantry program. Currently, we have been able to expand the pantry into 14 Hilliard Schools.

From this experience, I have learned many things about food insecurity, event management but most importantly I learned many things about myself. I don’t need a title to be a leader and this endeavor has reignited my passion for helping others and made me realize that I wanted to study non-profit management. Even though I am a senior, the pantry will continue for years to come. Starting in the new year, I have handed over the operations to a junior to ensure she is set up for success and has the experience she needs to run it next year. I have always been taught to leave a legacy and for a while, didn't know how it was going to do so; after the creation of the pantry, my legacy was obvious. I feel proud of what I will leave with Hilliard Darby High School and my community. Thank you to everyone who has support-ed me through this journey.

If you want to donate you can visit Hilliard Kiwanis.com and click on the Feeding Hilliard Student tab or click the link: https://www.hilliardkiwanis.com/Page/45643 if you have any questions you can contact Margaret Lee at DarbyFoodPantry@gmail.com

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Kiwanis Warehouse, nationally partnered with DollarDays, specializes in helping you stretch your club’s donation dollars and secure the products you need for service projects, fundraisers, volunteer efforts, community outreach and engagements. Our goal is to provide a wide assortment of project-ready items at incredibly low prices, backed by our dedicated and knowledgeable customer service team.

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Now that the first quarter of the 2019-2020 Kiwanis year (and all the associated Holidays) is over, it is now time to finish planning to attend the Kiwanis International Convention in Indy. While attending to support the Ohio District is certainly worthwhile, the most important reason is personal to each Kiwanian as we gain insight and knowledge to be a better club member, better leader, and to better serve the children of our community and the world. Personally, I have never attended any convention whether for work or Kiwanis when I did not learn something important that was new or relearn something that I had forgotten. A few reminders follow and full details are available on the Kiwanis convention web site. **Kiwanis 2020 Convention dates are: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 18-20**

Registration Opens January 15: Early Registration January 15 – April 10 @ $399, higher after -- See [https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020/registration-tickets](https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020/registration-tickets) for details on registration for all events

Featured Speaker 1: Captain "Sully" Sullenberger – How to land an airplane on the Hudson River
Featured Speaker 2: Kevin Carroll – Learn about the POWER of PLAY

**To make it a fuller convention experience, additional options are available**

**Before Convention Trip to New York City**
Five days, five meals, June 11-15, 2020
Highlights include Greenwich Village, Wall Street, 9/11 Memorial, two Broadway shows, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

Pre-Convention Education Conference  (*I highly recommend this one*)
Wednesday, June 17 at $99 with four alternate tracks:
- Lieutenant Governors,
- Club Presidents,
- Club Membership,
- and Kiwanis Leadership

**After Convention Trip to America’s Music Cities**
Eight days, 10 meals, June 21-28, 2020
Visit New Orleans, Louisiana; Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee. Highlights include French Quarter, swamp tour, Mardi Gras World, Jazz Revue, Graceland, West Delta Heritage Center, Ryman Auditorium, Grand Ole Opry show, Country Music Hall of Fame, Historic RCA Studio B and whiskey distillery.

Another excellent resource for Convention 2020 information is available through the Facebook **Kiwanis International Convention** Public Group. For example, there is a link to an article on **Forbes Names Indy Top 25 Places to Go in 2020** that is outside resource in planning your stay in Indy. SEE YOU THERE!!