Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

For those of you who were able to attend Mid-Year Education Day in March, I hope that you were able to feel the same positive vibe that I felt as we listened to our keynote speakers, attended valuable education sessions, renewed existing friendships and started new friendships. If you could not attend, I hope that you will seriously consider attending next year’s event. I was proud to announce during the morning’s opening session that we had reached a membership level of 7,003. I am even more pleased to announce that as of March 31, our membership levels actually reached 7,023. This number does not include the over 50 new members that joined Kiwanis as we formed new clubs in Shaker Heights and Euclid. I am sure that we can approach 7,100 members by the end of this month.

In the March Buckeye Bulletin, I talked briefly about knowing the “why” behind a Kiwanian’s decision to join your club. I presented a session titled Kiwanis 101 – The “Why” behind Kiwanis. My presentation was based on Simon Sinek’s book – “Starting with Why”. Kiwanis is a unique organization because our “why” as described in our 6 objects. These objects have remained consistent and concise since their initial adoption in 1924. Please take time during your upcoming meetings to examine and discuss how each of our objects relate to your club and your journey to become a great club. If you would like a copy of my presentation, please email me.

Yours in Kiwanis Service

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The Objects of Kiwanis International

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.
Executive Director’s Notes

2019 Kiwanis International Convention

The deadline for early registration to our 2019 Kiwanis International convention at the Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida is Friday, April 5. It is still not too late to register for the $300 fee. The convention events will be held at the Coronado Springs Resort June 27 – 30, 2019. There are important business matters to be handled by the delegates attending the convention that will affect every club in Kiwanis International. In addition to electing our leadership for the 2019-2020, the Ohio District is a co-sponsor of an amendment to bring back Family Membership. You can find more information on the Kiwanis International website (www.kiwanis.org) by clicking on the Convention link at the top of the page.

2019 Kiwanis Ohio District Convention

As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being prepared, district Kiwanians are preparing for our 102nd Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in The Lodge at Sawmill Mill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio. The convention committee is working very hard to make sure you have an enjoyable convention experience. Please mark your calendar for August 9-11, 2019. You won’t want to miss any of the festivities!

Club Election Reports

Next month Ohio Kiwanis Clubs should be electing their leaders for the 2019-20 Administrative Year. Once that is accomplished please be sure to report your elected officers to Kiwanis International and the Ohio District. The recommended method is the online election form included in the Secretary menu of the Kiwanis Connect Reporting System. The process is very simple and easy. The great thing about using the online version through Kiwanis Connect is that you avoid the hassle and cost of mailing the forms. If you have any questions regarding the process, please call the District Office. Last year we still had a significant number who did not file a report. This makes it very difficult for Kiwanis International and the Ohio District to prepare directories in a timely manner. Please make sure your club is not one of those who does not have information included in the International or District Directories.

District Newsletter Distribution

This issue marks one year that our newsletter has been distributed by Constant Contact. This is also the system we use for online registration for district events. Please encourage all the members of your club to sign-up to receive our newsletter by email. That signup form can be found on our district website and clicking on the menu button at the top right-hand side of the screen and going to the News page. You will see in the drop-down box Newsletter Request. When you click on Newsletter Request, you will see a button titled “Sign Up Now”. Click on that button and fill out the form to begin receiving our newsletter directly. Please share this information with others in your club who may find this useful.

The 2018-19 administrative year is now more than half over. Be sure to look elsewhere in this newsletter for information concerning various items of interest. Please don’t hesitate to call us with your questions or concerns.

Recognitions Abound at Midyear Conference.

There was a lot of celebrating on March 23 at the Ohio Midyear Conference. There were more than 242 recognitions handed out to clubs and individuals who demonstrated exceptional service and growth through the Kiwanis Family in 2017-18. Eighty-six clubs were recognized as distinguished.

Three individuals were inducted into the Kiwanis Hall of Fame, Past Governor Dale Leach, Past Governor Cindy Champer and Past Governor Amy Zimmerman. Several additional clubs and individuals received recognition from the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation.

Ten Lt. Governors from the 2017-18 board received Distinguished Lt. Governor Status from Kiwanis International. Congratulations to: Robert Day Jr. (Div. 2), John Coffield (Div. 3), Michael Kahsar (Div. 6), Jack Bull (Div. 11S), Janet Molineaux (Div. 12), Janet Schneider (Div. 13), Hasani Wheat (Div. 15), James Bennett (Div. 16), Ted Clutter (Div. 22) and Richard Evans (Div. 24). The Ohio District was recognized as a Distinguished District with Dan Litzinger becoming a Distinguished Governor and Dave Whiteman, a Distinguished District Secretary.

2017-18 Aktion Club Achievement Awards: I would like to congratulate the following clubs for being recognized by Kiwanis International for their service and dedication to Aktion Club in the 2017-18 year that they reported on the Annual Achievement Report.

The Aktion Club of Greenville ranked with top clubs scoring 16 out of 16 points earning the Distinguished status. The Aktion Club of Licking County scored 15 points earning the Distinguished status. The Aktion Club of Allen County scored 11 points and earned the Honor status. Congratulations to these 3 Ohio Clubs!

2019 Ohio Aktion Club Convention: The 2019 Aktion Club Convention will be held on July 27, 2019 in Delaware, Ohio at the Dempsey Middle School. The Delaware Kiwanis Clubs and Aktion Club are excited to be planning this event. The theme of the event is “Superheroes of Service.” The hosts are working on the entertainment and activities. The registration cost is $30 per person which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, activities, and a T-shirt. Registration information will be coming out soon.

2018-19 Contest Theme: Kiwanis International has announced that the theme for the 2018-19 Aktion Club Contests is “Serving the Children.” Speech Contest participants should discuss how they Served the Children with Aktion Club this year. Posters should show pictures of Serving Children. Likewise, the Single Service submission must tell about a service project where Aktion Club members Served Children with community service. The Scrapbook should also include the theme. The Speech, Poster, Single Service and Scrapbook contest entries should be submitted at District Convention on July 27th or sent to the District Administrator Jennifer Weinberg prior to that date. The Video Contest should also focus on how the Aktion Club Served the Children this year and is submitted directly to Kiwanis International.

Ohio members have been successful in the last couple of years in their submission to Kiwanis International. For more information on the awards, go to http://www.aktionclub.org/resources/contestsandawards.aspx.

New Club Growth Continues in Ohio

Ohio Kiwanis growth is continuing with the opening of two new Clubs, Shaker Heights chartering with 25 members, and Greater Euclid chartering with 28 members. This was accomplished with a dedicated team from Ohio along with members of the International Eye of The Tiger team who came to help. Our own Kathleen Moylan who now resides in Seattle, but, is still connected to Ohio came with the International Team which helped tremendously.

I spoke to many members at Mid-Year who shared suggestions of communities which could benefit from Kiwanis family involvement and would be perfect to open or rebuild a club. Many were locations that had previously hosted a club, but, for unknown reasons, it had ceased to exist. I encourage you to e-mail me your thoughts on where we could open a new Club and I will get back to you with a plan of action to get it done.

We are on the right track for growth of Ohio Kiwanis as was proven by over eighty (80) Clubs who were awarded Distinguish Clubs for their growth last year. I congratulate them and challenge the rest of us to follow their lead.
Don’t Miss the 62nd Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and its golf committee are actively planning and excited for this summer’s 62nd Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing. There are several changes in store for this year’s event including a new venue and your choice of two days of play to choose from. This year’s event will be held at Deer Ridge Golf Club, 900 Comfort Plaza Drive, Bellville, Ohio, conveniently located just off I-71 about 40 miles north of Columbus. Participants will have their choice of playing on either July 17 or 18, 2019 or both if they desire. The fun will begin with a 9:30 AM shotgun start on your choice of day. Deer Ridge Golf Club will offer a well-maintained challenging course of play, GPS on all carts, and a beautiful clubhouse with indoor dining for our dinner.

The format of play will be a scramble with prizes both days by age group for all senior teams, non-senior teams, as well as prizes for all female teams. There will also be games of skill on the course with prizes. In certain categories there will be separate skill prizes for men, women, and seniors. Mulligans will also be available. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at odkf.org under the golf event tab which can be found from the rotating display or visiting the July events calendar and opening the golf outing link on the event date. Online registration will require credit card payment. To pay by check please print the appropriate registration or sponsorship form and mail it with payment to the address on the form.

The event continues to be sponsored by the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation making a portion of the registration fee and sponsorship donations tax deductible, with the net proceeds being from the event used to help support the Foundation and several of its grant programs. As always, this event is open to the entire Kiwanis family and all friends of Kiwanis.

The price of this year’s event remains at $85.00 and includes lunch, golf, cart, prizes, and a great dinner. The registration deadline is July 10, 2019. To continue to make this event a success and help raise funds for our Foundation and its grants programs will again be sold. Sponsorship levels are as follows; a hole sponsorship for $100.00, a par sponsorship for $250.00, a birdie sponsorship for $375.00, and an eagle sponsorship for $500.00. The hole sponsorship will get a professional sponsor sign on one hole with special recognition in the dinner program. The par sponsor will receive a sign on the course, special recognition in the dinner program plus golf and dinner for two players. The birdie sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for three. The eagle sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for four. We need strong support in sponsorships to help keep the tournament at the quality level everyone has come to expect and benefit the Foundation so please seek event sponsors from your club members and businesses you may know who would like to support this worthy cause.

Please mark you calendars and arrange your teams now to take advantage of the great fun, food and fellowship that takes place at this event every year. The event is held rain or shine. No cancellations can be accepted after July 10, 2019. If anyone needs help with lodging arrangements, please contact us by June 10. Please encourage your club to send one or more foursomes to this great District event. If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact either Dave Kuhn (330) 730-6254 or Bill Flinta (330) 801-6225. Thanks for supporting this event.

We look forward to seeing everyone in July.

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I recently had the opportunity to talk with both Key Club and Kiwanians alike about Eliminate - and while we have come a long way, we still "have miles to go before we sleep."

The Eliminate Campaign began in 2010 with the goal of saving the lives of 66 million women and their unborn children in 39 countries. This goal was and still is being reached via every $2 contributed, which provides a series of three tetanus immunizations to women during their child bearing years, and also allows for education on clean birthing practices.

But while the program began in 2010, it was OFFICIALLY kicked off in 2011 - meaning that the Ohio District SEIZED this opportunity to begin lining up Model clubs and being THE FIRST DISTRICT INTERNATIONALLY TO RAISE $1 MILLION. Thank you Ohio Kiwanians!

Also in Ohio, our original goal was $4.2 million, which was later reduced to $2.8 million. Of that amount, we still have approximately $290,000 to cover between now and September 30, 2020, when the program ends. That amounts to about $16,000 per month that we need to contribute contributing toward.

Yet, in the bigger scheme of things, our job is not over. Tetanus should not be a concern today anywhere in the world. The vaccine was developed in 1914, which is over 100 years ago; and women in the United States and Canada do not have to worry about this scourge that steals infants during their first few days of life. The problem comes in under-served and remote areas of the world, where medical care is not necessarily a way of life.

In order to say that a country is tetanus free, means that there is less than one death per every 100 births; and this has to happen in each and every province and area of a country. But what happens when not all regions are tetanus free? That is where Kiwanis International is currently working to insure partial validation. “Partial” validation means that some areas or regions can actually be “tetanus free” and celebrate this landmark; and is also one step closer to improved health care in the area.

Let us all work together to make this happen!

K-Kids Care About Clean Water

On March 22 the K-Kids Clubs of Heritage, Unity, and Freedom Elementary Schools were named as Stormwater Superstars by the Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Lima in recognition of their Adopt a Roadway litter cleanup service projects.

With the cleanup, litter is prevented from migrating into the storm sewer system which will eventually reach the Ottawa River which flows through Lima. The Kiwanis Club of Lima was also recognized with its sponsorship of the aforementioned Kiwanis Family Clubs.
Kiwanis International has a partnership with U.S. Army Recruiting Command. Each recruiting office has been approved by Bubba Wood (USAREC staff in Fort Knox) to activate local marketing dollars to pay for Kiwanis membership. Most of the USAREC offices have been enrolled as corporate memberships to allow various members of the recruiting team to attend Kiwanis meetings. There is turnover at the offices about every two years so this approach allows for flexibility to deal with those transfers. This is another way to grow your club’s membership.

Kiwanis Club & Aktion Club Join in Service

The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington and their sponsored Aktion Club of Wilmington recently met for service, fun and fellowship. The service project involved making Activity Kits for children visiting the doctor at Health Source. Members also sorted books for the club’s Literacy Project at Faith Lutheran Church and made bookmarks to be included.

Immediately following lunch the 2019 Aktion Club members were recognized and received a Kiwanis backpack as a token of thanks as they represent the ”K” family in the community. The afternoon was spent playing bingo with prizes donated by Kiwanis members.

It was especially an honor for the club to have Ohio District Governor Faith Levine in attendance. Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Marcia Hudson from Springfield was also able to join us for the day.
The Sixth Club of the Ohio District Of Kiwanis  
History of the Kiwanis Club of Toledo by: Julie Dangelo, Secretary of Kiwanis Club of Toledo

The Kiwanis Club of Toledo, the 9th Kiwanis International chartered club, was founded on May 18, 1916 in what began as a businessman’s group with its newsletters helping to market and promote business amongst its members. The club struggled in attendance when first established in large part because it lacked a true mission statement. During World War I, early community service work focused on Red Cross events in support of the soldiers fighting the war, helping to bring some focus to the true mission of the club being that of service to the community. New member dues were $25 and active members paid $12 annually, with lunch being 50 cents! Albert Miller was the first President of the club, with Phil Bradford serving as its first secretary. Miller would later go on to serve as the Ohio District Governor of Kiwanis raising the prominence of the Toledo Club. The Toledo Club then hosted the National Kiwanis Convention in August of 1920. It was after this convention that the club began to develop into the service-based organization that it is known for today. The Toledo Spur, the club’s first newsletter was first published in February of 1921. An article entitled “Some Food for Thought Here” encouraged outreach of the club towards the Toledo Tuberculosis Hospital in both financial and volunteer efforts. This helped to form what our mission remains today of a focus on children.

Early service and philanthropic projects in the 1920s included sponsoring Boy Scout troops, basketball teams within Toledo Public schools district and purchasing a boat for the Toledo Police Department. When the Depression hit in the 1930s the club struggled to stay afloat financially with many members’ businesses taking a hit. The club worked very hard at trying to continue its projects and sense of normality, but it was difficult with a lack of funds. By the end of the Depression Era the club was once again able to fund medical treatment for children at a new hospital.

By 1941, the club’s 25th Anniversary, service projects included assistance with the Salvation Army, Boy Scout camp funding and meals for undernourished children. World War II then began with the club investing in war bonds, even giving out war bonds as attendance prizes at meetings. At war’s end club memberships began to skyrocket and new involvement in service projects such as a new boat for the local Girl Scout camp, and a cabin for the local Boy Scout camp. In 1953, the Toledo Club began its first year of giving out scholarships to Toledo area high school graduates, a practice that remains strong today. In 2018, 5 high school graduates were each given a $2000 scholarship to pursue higher education.

On March 17, 1953 the Toledo Club helped found the Maumee Kiwanis club. It was also in the 1950’s that the club faced some financial setbacks and was in need of a proper fundraiser. March 12, 1957 Toledo Kiwanis held its first Pancake Festival selling thousands of tickets and raising plenty of money to continue its projects. By the next year the festival was attended by 10,000 people. This fundraiser was very popular through the 60s, 70s and 80s with the fundraiser allowing the club to remain very active in philanthropic efforts and community projects including a very popular and fun project of purchasing an African elephant for the Toledo Zoo in 1974. Another prominent philanthropic service project was the purchase and installation of a play sculpture at Toledo’s riverfront Promenade Park in 1977. In 1987, with Kiwanis International finally opening up membership to women, Kiwanis Club of Toledo followed with its first woman member, Mrs. Pat Lora.

At our 100th anniversary in 2016, the Kiwanis Club of Toledo celebrated in grand style with a major project of installing a children’s playground at the Mud Hens baseball stadium and held a fundraising Gala in downtown Toledo in the new entertainment district. The Club remains strong and extremely active in the community with the continued focus on the children of Central City Toledo. The Club continues a long standing effort to provide scholarships to high school graduates from Toledo Public Schools; sponsors many programs at a local elementary school including monthly lunch with Kiwanis branded Terrific Kids, mentoring students in reading once a week, yearly Holiday party complete with every child receiving a new wrapped book; Thanksgiving baskets to 40 families from a local organization; manpower to pack boxes at our local food bank; financial support for Boys and Girls Club of Toledo; and funding to Youth Leadership Toledo helping to foster youth involvement in the local community.

Here’s to another strong 100 years!
Mid-Year Education Day ReCap

Thanks to our Mid-Year Chair Kelly Brown and her committee we had an outstanding Mid-Year Education Day on Saturday, March 23rd with over 240 Kiwanians and guests representing 94 different Kiwanis Clubs at the Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center in Lewis Center, Ohio. Kiwanians were able to choose from 28 different workshops organized in 7 different educational tracks. The key is to now take what they have learned and bring it back to improve their Kiwanis club.

We also heard from two outstanding speakers that work with programs that Kiwanis clubs could get involved with to make a difference in their communities. Ryan Miller, the co-founder of The 2nd & 7 Foundation – whose mission is to “Tackle Illiteracy,” shared his message with us during the opening session. Miller and former Buckeye teammates Mike Vrabel and Luke Fickell started the foundation in 1999, and have read and donated over 250,000 books the past 20 years with help from The Ohio State University Department of Athletics and over 100 other schools throughout the country. In 2008, The 2nd & 7 Foundation began writing their own series of children’s books as their lead characters, The Hog Mollies, provide inspirational themes that children can take away while reading these fun books. Each year, The 2nd & 7 Foundation writes and publishes a new book. They have currently released their new title for the 2018-19 school year – The Hog Mollies and the Mummy’s Mystery Maze which provides a message for the kids about manners. This is a great project that Kiwanis clubs can support and implement in your communities. For more information, visit: www.secondandseven.com.

Our second speaker, Amber Runyon, shared her story with us during the afternoon session. Amber founded the non-profit, Legacy, and the Eleventh Candle Co. in 2015 with the mission to redeem, restore, empower, and equip those vulnerable to human trafficking, abuse, exploitation and addiction. Four years later, the organization continues to welcome women with employment, trauma informed counseling, and a safe place to be themselves. Kiwanis clubs can partner with Eleventh Candle Co. to sell their candles as a fundraiser to raise money for their own Kiwanis club and support the work of Legacy & Eleventh Candle Co. To learn more or purchase products visit https://eleventhcandleco.com.

Thank you to our generous sponsors of the 2019 Mid-Year Education Day:

Amy Zimmerman, Kiwanis Children’s Fund Trustee, Past Governor 2015-16
Bill & Peggy Flinta Past Governor & First Lady 2016-2017
Brad Kunze, 2017-18 District Membership Chair, 2016-19 District Foundation Board Member
Dan & Barb Litzinger, Immediate Past Distinguished Governor & First Lady
David Kuhn
Dave White, Past District Secretary
Division 4 Kiwanis
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Brian Yacucci from the Key Leader Team receives a Past International Presidents Award from the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation.

A workshop on Social Media shared pointers on how to promote your Kiwanis Club activities was one of many provided.

Numerous displays with valuable resources for clubs.
Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,

Spring has finally arrived and it’s time to spring into fun and fellowship with friends through interclub opportunities with other K-family groups and 4-H.

In addition to the obtainable blue, silver and gold interclub banner patch awards, new for this year in conjunction with support to Governor Levine’s 4-H project, is a Clover banner patch award. This award can be earned by hosting a 4-H club meeting, a Kiwanis member speaking to a 4-H club about service opportunities post 4-H, a joint project or any other involvement. You’d be surprised how quickly 6,000 Easter Eggs can get stuffed or pancakes served with an additional twenty-five 4-H’ers help.

Clubs can earn credits toward Interclub awards by helping neighboring clubs with their events and projects, and attending club, division and district meetings and events. There is not a club that would not welcome extra hands for service with their projects or fundraisers. For a very memorable experience, interclub with an Aktion Club, Key Club, Circle K, Builder’s Club or K Kids Club. Interclub with one of the Internet clubs or attend a Key Leader session. All K-families event participation, along with the necessary number of members from you club, count toward club Interclub credits.

Opportunities are abundant. Enjoy the spring weather and time with your family, and fun with other K Family members. Be sure to announce your events on the Ohio District Kiwanis Facebook page.

Last year, nearly 1800 4-H students were able to attend a summer camping experience. In just 6 months, we have raised enough money to help over another 100 students to attend – an increase of over 5%. It would be great if we could raise enough money to increase the number of Kampers to 2000 this summer.

My mom has been telling me that many of your clubs are also providing hands-on support of 4-H club projects. Thank you for stepping forward and adding 4H programs to your service project. And of course, 4H parents can become Kiwanis members and 4-H’ers can become Key Club, Circle K and eventually Kiwanis Club members.

I hope that you are enjoying the video that Chip and I produced. It is available on You-Tube for you to share. First Family Project for 2018-19.

Greetings to one and all; are you going to join us? We sure hope so.

We are getting closer to the date for attending the Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando Fl. 27-30 June 2019.

As a reminder the Ohio District is staying at The Coronado Springs Resort you can contact them at 1-407-939-4686 to make you hotel reservation.

When you make your room reservation ask and make your reservations for the free shuttle from the airport to the hotel and back, this is a free shuttle.

Registration fees are as follows: Now thru 5 April $300.00, 6 April thru 17 May $350.00, after that it is $400.00, for a single day registration is $150.00.

You can learn more at Kiwanis.org/convention.

You can also contact the visitor bureau in Orlando by emailing to visitorlando.com to discover additional information on sites and events as well as happenings at Disney World and the surrounding community.

Governor Faith is ready for Disney World... Are You?