Dear Ohio Kiwanians,

We have been able to celebrate each month of this Kiwanis year as we move from the GREAT Ohio District to the GREATEST Ohio District. This month is no different.

⇒ Our District membership now stands at 7042 – this number does not include the two recent club openings in Division 15. We will also be opening a new club in Division 26 in May.

⇒ 48% of our clubs have had a net increase in membership so far this year.

⇒ As of April 30, NO division shows a current decrease in membership this year.

⇒ As of April 30, there are 6 divisions that do not have a single club with a decrease in membership – 1N, 6/7, 10E, 13, 14, and 17.

⇒ We are the 5th largest district in North America – Only 1 other “single state” district is larger than Ohio – Florida which has 7060 members.

⇒ Only two other North American Districts have had a higher increase in overall membership numbers (both are multi state districts)

As many of you know, Kiwanis clubs experience a “September slump”. It is not uncommon for a club to lose up to 10% of their members as of September 30. If the first time that a non-active member hears from you is when they receive an invoice for the next administrative year, it is very likely that you will lose them and their “hands” that will improve the lives of children in your community.

So, let’s start now in May to re-member our non-active members. Invite them to participate in your service projects or fellowship programs. Remind them “WHY” they originally decided to join your club. I will be working with your Division Lt. Governors to develop programs that will help you with this very important activity. I believe that we have an excellent potential to have a net gain in Ohio District membership this year. The first time in many, many, years. We can do it when we work together as the GREAT Ohio District.
Executive Director Notes

Membership Growth
At this point in the year, the district Membership Team has opened four new clubs in the district and 23 of our 24 divisions have shown growth in membership as of April 30 which means membership growth is a major commitment for many clubs. As of April 30th, the Ohio District has increased by 326 members over our membership count on September 30, 2018. With plans to work on several more new club openings before the end of the year and the efforts of clubs to add new members and retain existing members we can serve more kids in our communities.

Annual Club Elections
During the month of May, all Kiwanis clubs should be holding club elections to guarantee that the future of the club remains bright. In 2018, significantly less than 1/2 of our Ohio District Clubs reported their Club Election Report online through Kiwanis Connect. What effect does that have? It makes it very difficult for Kiwanis International to produce a complete International Directory and it adds extra work for our staff in the district office to obtain accurate information for our District Directory. Please make sure this does not happen in 2019. Remind your Club Secretary to file the Club Election Report online immediately following your club elections!

Club Leadership Education
Club Leadership Education (CLE) sessions are scheduled throughout the district over the next few weeks. Please check out the Club Leadership Education page on our district website at http://www.ohiokiwanis.org to find more information, including a schedule of upcoming locations. There is also a link on that page to register online for a session near you.

International Convention
The deadline for registering online for the International Convention in the Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida is May 17th. After that date you will need to register on-site. Do not let this stop you from attending. Walt Disney World® Resort is a wonderful convention location. Remember to review the bylaw amendments on the Kiwanis International Website to be prepared to vote on these changes. One is of interest to all members. The permanent reinstatement of the Family Membership class is being co-sponsored by the Ohio District.

2019 Kiwanis Ohio District Convention
There are two new opportunities available to get involved and support the 102nd Annual Ohio District Kiwanis Convention scheduled for August 9-11, 2019 at The Lodge at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio. The first way is to purchase an advertisement in the convention program. A convention program ad is great way to recognize a club member or officer, celebrate your club’s achievements, show support for your sponsored youth, support a family member, promote your business, or thank your supporters. Program ads range in price from $300 for the back cover of the program to only $45 for a quarter page ad. Click here to access more information on the program ads. The other opportunity is a new sponsorship program for Convention. See the information included in this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin or go to www.ohiokiwanis.org and go to the 2019 District Convention page to download more information.

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.
JUST AS THE LIGHTHOUSES OF LAKE ERIE SPREAD THE LIGHT TO HELP PEOPLE NAVIGATE THE LAKE, YOU CAN HELP THE MEMBERS OF THE OHIO KIWANIS DISTRICT SPREAD THE LIGHT OF KIWANIS FOR OUR 102nd CONVENTION! SINCE THE LAKE ERIE SHORES IS AN AFFORDABLE VACATION DESTINATION, WE’VE DECIDED TO MAKE SPONSORSHIP AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYONE!

Marblehead Lighthouse - $1,000
In use since 1822, the Marblehead Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse in continuous operation on the Great Lakes. This sponsorship will give you the most visibility at our 2019 Convention and help connect our district members to an unforgettable experience.

- Two (2) tickets to the Saturday evening Governor’s Banquet
- Verbal recognition at the Governor’s Banquet
- Your name and/or color logo on a printed banner located at all main events
- Full page ad in our convention program
- Printed recognition in the convention program

South Bass Island Lighthouse - $500
Visitors can climb the stairs to take in a great view of Put-in-Bay from the top of the tower, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This sponsorship will help us make our 2019 convention the hottest event in the Lake Erie Islands/ Huron/Sandusky area.

- Two (2) tickets to Friday Evening Dinner
- Verbal recognition at the Friday Evening Dinner
- Your name on a printed banner at all main events
- Half page ad in our convention program
- Printed recognition in the convention program

Cedar Point Lighthouse - $250
This 38-ft. lighthouse was built in 1862. The light, which was used for navigation until 1909, is located atop the lighthouse keeper's six-room limestone home at the tip of the Cedar Point peninsula. You can help shine a light on the work our Kiwanians do throughout the state.

- Your name on a printed banner at all main events
- Quarter page ad in our convention program
- Printed recognition in the convention program

Huron Lighthouse & Fishing Pier - $100
This is a functioning lighthouse maintained by the U.S. Government. This sponsorship will help provide the light needed for all the different events at convention to make this the best Ohio District convention EVER!

- Printed recognition in the convention program

SPONSORSHIP FORM

YES! I want to help the Ohio Kiwanis district spread the light at their 2019 convention!

Name (as it should appear): ____________________________________________________________
Contact Person: _______________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________ __________________
Phone: _____________________ _____________________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________________________

Please mail your sponsorship form and payment to:
Ohio Kiwanis District Office, 1941 Chatham Ln., Suite 326, Columbus, OH 43221
Please make checks payable to: OHIO DISTRICT KIWANIS
Questions? Contact executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org or 614-848-5000 ext 2

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS JULY 1, 2019

Please supply a high-resolution logo/ad as a digital .pdf file or .jpeg image. Email all digital files to: executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org
Mark your calendars now for DCON 2019, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 9, 10, 11, 2019 at the beautiful, picturesque Sawmill Creek Lodge in Huron, Ohio (https://sawmillcreekresort.com/). It will truly be a convention you won’t want to miss!!! Bring the family and make a vacation out of it, there are so many things to do in the surrounding area...Amusement Parks, Waterparks, Island Hopping & Much More (details to follow). We will start our convention with a Friday Night to Remember, we’ll want you to have FUN and let your hair down...so put on your dancing shoes; there will be poolside dinner, music (for all ages) and a little "magic" in the air. Ohhhhh and you may want to grab a partner and brush up on your Euchre playing skills ... rumor has it that there will be a Euchre Tournament to end the evening!!! Details for the entire weekend will be coming soon...We can’t wait to see you there!!!

Registration Now Open for Certified Leadership Education

Being elected to a club office is an honor bestowed on you by your fellow Kiwanians. It makes sense to brush up on your leadership skills to effectively represent your club and help them grow into the best service organization in your community. Attending a Kiwanis Certified Leadership (CLE) Session will help you prepare for your term of service.

The 2019 CLE Schedule is taking shape. Confirmed events are open for registration and additional ones will be taking place in May, June and July and one final session taking place at Convention. Please visit the Club Leadership Education section of the Ohio District website for additional dates as they become available. As always, all sessions are open to any incoming officers within the Ohio District.

I do encourage all incoming (and returning) officers to attend CLE classes that will be held in the spring – these will be more in-depth than on-line classes and will hopefully provide some thought-provoking ideas on how to run efficient and enjoyable club meetings and activities. Additional education sessions and topics are available at Kiwanis Convention.

May 18: Kettering: Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Road, Kettering 8:00am to Noon Register Now

June 8: Cincinnati Area: Sharonville Firehouse, 11637 Chester Road, Sharonville 8:30am -1:30pm Register Now

June 8: Marion Area: Day Springs Wesleyan Church, 2431 Marion—Mt. Gilead Rd. 8:00am—noon Register Now

June 15: Jackson Area: Jackson Firehouse Training Room, 152 Pearl St., Jackson 9:00am- 1:00pm Register Now

June 15: Columbus Area Westerville Public Library, 126 S. State St., Westerville 9:00am - 1:00 pm Register Now

June 22: Lima Area Milano Cafe, 2383 Elida Road, Lima 9:00am - 1:00pm Register Now

July 13: Parma: Cuyahoga County Branch Public Library, Parma - Snow Branch, 2121 Snow Road, Parma (Start time 9:30am due to Library hours) Register Now

July 20: Independence Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Drive, Independence 9:00am—1:00pm Register Now

We recommend registering in advance so we can ensure ample resources will be available or in case of cancellation.
I don’t know anyone who doesn’t enjoy getting a card or other message on their birthday. The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation sends Kiwanis Clubs in the Ohio District a “Birthday” card marking their charter date every year with an invitation to make a contribution to the Foundation’s Club Birthday Campaign. Clubs are invited to mark their charter anniversary with a minimum donation of $3.00 per member -- although any amount per member will be welcome. Donations may be made at any time during the year and not just at the time of your charter anniversary. Banner patches are presented to every Kiwanis Club that has 100% participation of $3.00 or more per member. Donations to this Campaign go into our endowment fund to earn income which in turn is given out in the form of grants to clubs across the District. Your donations allow the ODKF to present thousands of dollars each and every year to assist clubs with a variety of projects that directly help children lead happy, healthy, and productive lives.

BUT – why wait until your Charter Anniversary to find a reason to celebrate! Each and every day is a celebration for our Kiwanis Clubs and for each and every Ohio Kiwanian. As Kiwanians we should be celebrating what Kiwanis does to make sure that every child that gets fitted with a bike helmet because they do not have one; we should be celebrating the children that pick up a “backpack” filled with food items to take home every weekend; we should be celebrating each group of children who are presented with a book because they have none at home; we should be celebrating that children and young adults have opportunities to be mentored, learn about leadership and become acquainted with what serving others truly means by offering them membership opportunities in an SLP; and the list goes on and on! We need to celebrate each and every such action we undertake as Kiwanians – and more importantly be PROUD of what WE do and share it with others!

There are many ways to both celebrate and share these Kiwanis actions. How? Well for starters, wear your Kiwanis pin and your Kiwanis shirts whenever you are out and about. Another way to celebrate is to consider becoming an “Ambassador” of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and proudly wear one of our different level pins. Ambassadors celebrate what Kiwanis and the Foundation do to support children and communities through their donations which are recorded and tracked by ODKF with appropriate recognition made at our Annual Foundation Meeting each year.

Even better – why not visit the ODKF webpage and find out how to get a “KIWANIS” license plate for your car(s) to “wear”. Each set of Kiwanis License plates nets ODKF a portion of your license fee which ultimately enables the Foundation to support more Ohio District Kiwanis Clubs through our grant program. Ask anyone who already has a set of “KIWANIS” license plates and they will tell you how many times people ask about Kiwanis because they noticed your license plate.

Another way to celebrate is to check out the many ways you and your club can celebrate individual members in your club for outstanding leadership, contributions or longevity as a Kiwanian. Have members in your club celebrating 25 years or more as a Kiwanian? Check out our Legion of Honor program. Have an outstanding president, committee chair, or member who deserves recognition for their dedication to the ideals of Kiwanis? Consider giving a PIP – Past International Presidents – Award or one of our other awards named after four of our Ohio Past International Presidents.

There are many ways to CELEBRATE Kiwanis and likewise share your passion with others. Check out the Foundation webpage today for some suggestions – odkf.org. I CELEBRATE each and every one of you and thank you for all YOU do in the name of Kiwanis for the children of the Ohio District and the World!
Greetings, the time is drawing near for the Kiwanis International Convention.

Are you planning on attending the International Convention in Orlando this year, 27-30 June 2019, if so get your reservation in A.S.A.P., and join us, for it will a super time for one and all, also take time to attend Disney World with your family and friends.

The last count I have received there are 86 Kiwanis and 21 guests attending from the Ohio District attending, are you one of them? if not why not?

You need to register with International at communications@kiwanis.org or at Kiwanis.org/convention, for convention information and discounts. You need to make your room reservation (the District will be staying at the Coronado Springs Resort 1-407-939-4686.) If you are flying in, you are entitled to free shuttle service to and from the airport you will need to schedule this as well.

We hope to see you there and looking forward to it.

The Kiwanis Club of Ashtabula presented a check to support the First Family Project of Supporting local 4-H Clubs, including camperships. Pictured are Joe Zappitello, President of the Ashtabula Kiwanis Club, Jenna Hoyt and Abby Averill, representing the 4H Clubs of Ashtabula County, and Chris Bukvic, Lt. Governor of Division 22.
REPORTING AND DUES COLLECTION OF US ARMY RECRUITERS

NEW CLUBS US Army recruiters who are charter members of a new Kiwanis club will have their charter member fee waived.

Reporting: Make a note on the top of the application that the new member is a US Army recruiter and send to René Booker without the $50 fee. You also can enter ARMY in the “Membership status” field of the permanent organization roster spreadsheet. If the club roster is being entered via the online Club Opening Tool, please email René (rbooker@kiwanis.org) regarding the member; similar to notifying René on SLP, corporate, etc. Dues Collection: Dues collection is an internal process. No funds are exchanged between the new club and Kiwanis International. René Booker sends a note to the Kiwanis Finance Department who invoices the US Army account through Corporate Relations for a member of a new club.

EXISTING CLUBS Dues for soldier members in or joining an existing club – or other costs incurred as a club member – should be expensed through the Army’s internal reimbursement system by the soldier member.

Reporting: Report new member as a regular new member; submit appropriate dues and fees. Dues Collection: Club is responsible for handling dues collection and remitting payment to Kiwanis International upon being invoiced. Any payment of dues from the US Army should be reimbursed to the club or directly to the member.

Official Statement: Local United States Army Recruiting Commands (USAREC) are authorized to use their local direct marketing funds to pay for Kiwanis dues in the name of the organization and not the individual. As a major partner with USAREC, local commanders are encouraged to attend meetings with local Kiwanis clubs to network with key community leaders to keep them informed on mission priorities and to be involved in local community events. If Command is not being supportive, they should contact their Brigade or Battalion APA Chief/staff rep.

Hello Ohio Kiwanis, my name is Lillie Swinehart, your 2019-2020 Governor of the Ohio District of Key Club International. I was elected to serve the mighty Ohio district at the district leadership conference in March, and I could not be more thrilled for the opportunity to work alongside amazing Key Clubbers from across the state, it is truly an honor.

Our district leadership conference (DLC) was a huge success. Key clubbers from across the state had a great time learning about leadership and service at our forums and from our keynote speaker as well as having lots of fun at our service fair and contests. Our new executives, secretary-treasurer, Noah Lowery and Bulletin editor, Lydia Booth were also elected. They are both outstanding individuals and I am looking forward to their success this coming year. Also, our district webmaster Abbey Staats and district historian Claire Loos were appointed to office recently and I am looking forward to serving with them. Our service year is also off to a great start. We have recently appointed 7 new lieutenant governors to fill vacant divisions. If we can ensure that every Key Clubber has a liaison between themselves and the district board, then we have achieved the first and most important step in building stronger district-wide relationships. I am also working to organize committees and plan for our training and summer board meeting.

Key Club is a truly unique organization. We are the world’s oldest and largest youth led service organization, boasting over 11,000 key clubbers in the state of Ohio alone. Key club offers many valuable experiences to members; leadership, lifetime friendships, fresh perspectives and of course, the opportunity to serve our homes, schools and communities. My goal is to share these experiences with as many high schoolers as possible. I want to be a catalyst for progress and growth within this our organization. One of the most important ways to accomplish this goal is interaction with the rest of our K-family.

Like minded, empowered servant leaders from all over Ohio coming together have been able to have huge impacts on our communities. None of which would be possible without support from their local Kiwanis clubs. We are equally grateful and inspired by your dedication to service.

Please continue to support and serve with your local key clubbers and continue to make what the K-family does not only possible but broaden our impact. Also, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.
Greetings Mighty Ohio District of Kiwanis,

My name is Austin Underwood and I have the honor to serve as your 2019-2020 Ohio District Circle K Governor. I am currently a sophomore at The Ohio State University studying biology and chemistry. I am looking forward to working alongside Kiwanis is this upcoming year as we proceed forward into this new year of service!

To give all of you a little update on the amazing things Circle K has been up to, we just had our district convention on February 22nd-24th at Mohican Lodge in Perrysville, OH. We elected our board of officers and have made many chair appointments to fill up our district board! I personally wanted to thank all the Kiwanis clubs and divisions that supported or helped support a Circle K Club come and attended the event. It was truly a great weekend of service, leadership, and fellowship and a lot of the attending members gained and grew immensely as leaders as a direct result of your support and help throughout the year.

We also were able to host our Spring Officer Training Conference at Muskingum University on April 7th. We had a great time sitting down with club officers, setting out the goals throughout the year, and hearing the problems from the clubs and working out a plan to help the clubs address them in the upcoming year.

In the upcoming months, we are looking forward to having our international convention, CKIx, at the Walt Disney World Contemporary Resort, alongside the Kiwanis International Convention! It is here that we will elect the upcoming leadership of the organization and learn all about CKI and how we can better our home, school, and community within and outside our club.

I again want to express a huge thank you to the Ohio District of Kiwanis and all the fantastic things you do to support your service leadership programs. Even if you do not have a Circle K club in close proximity to your club, you can always help sponsor and support a Circle K Club. If you want to hear more information on how to help sponsor a Circle K Club, please reach out to me and I would love to help you out!

Thank you all again and I look forward to a great year of service!

Austin Underwood
Governor
Ohio District Circle K
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Baldwin Wallace Leads by Example

Baldwin Wallace University’s Circle K International (CKI) was recognized for its commitment to service, leadership and fellowship at this year’s 62nd Ohio District Convention, which took place at the Mohican Lodge, Perrysville, Ohio.


The BW’s CKI also received the Daniel J. Romanello Achievement Award for the best CKI in the state of Ohio for the 2018-19 year.

The following members received 2nd and 3rd Place Awards for the 2018-19 year: “Outstanding CKI Vice President 2nd Place Award” – Alaina Battle, “Outstanding CKI Secretary 2nd Place Award” – Bri Mallette, “Outstanding CKI Club Committee Chairperson Award 2nd Place Award” – Rhiannon Dawson, “Outstanding CKI New Member 3rd Place” – Morgan Butler, “Outstanding CKI Member 3rd Place Award” – Alaina Giovengo - “CKI Single Service 2nd Place Award” –Baldwin Wallace University, “Outstanding CKI Advisor 2nd Place Award” – Dr. Karen Munroe.

BW’s CKI was involved in a wide range of service projects. They partnered with 25 other campus groups for over 50 events where they completed over 400 hours of service hours on and off campus.

At BW’s annual 2018-19 Student Life Leadership Awards program, CKI president, Kiran Sadhra, won BW’s Volunteer of the Year award. In addition, the CKI Club won the “Yellow Jacket Spirit Award” for collaborating positively with other student organizations to build school spirit and campus unity for the 5th year in a row. Lastly, BW’s CKI was recognized as the “Outstanding Student Organization of the Year” for the 8th year in a row.
Ravenna Kiwanis – Building for Our Next 100 Years

By Brad Cromes, Immediate Past President

Like many Clubs across the country, in recent years the Ravenna Kiwanis Club (founded in 1921) has suffered from declining membership. When I became President in 2018, our regular meeting attendance had dwindled to less than ten members. In preparation for our 100th birthday, our Club made a plan to reverse that trend, and I am happy to report that our efforts have us well on the path to securing another century of service to the children of our community.

The first step we took – and maybe the most important – was to have a frank discussion acknowledging where our Club was and committing to growing a future together. To help guide that conversation, our leadership team asked our members to complete Kiwanis International’s Member Satisfaction Survey. The survey identified what we felt were our Club’s strengths, weaknesses, and areas for possible change. Armed with that information, we engaged former Gov. Bill Flinta of Stow and Lt. Gov. Hasani Wheat of Cleveland in a series of conversations to take advantage of their experience and identify best practices for club growth.

Next, we used Kiwanis International’s Roster Analysis tool to think through which members of our community and personal networks might be best to ask to join our Club. I was able to attend former Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford’s new club blitz in a neighboring community, and brought what I learned about how to approach the leads our roster analysis generated back to our Club.

From there, it was time for action. We sent letters to each of the leads on our list explaining what Kiwanis is, introducing our Club, and letting them know we would be stopping by in person to ask them to join. A few weeks later, our members teamed with volunteers we recruited from neighboring clubs to make individual asks of each of our members.

Thanks to that hard work and the help of other Kiwanians, our membership has nearly doubled in the past year, and our new leadership team in planning another membership push for this fall. All told, we are now in a stronger position than we have been in for some time, and excited to continue serving for many years to come.

Members of The Ravenna Kiwanis Club, serving lunch to those in need at the Center of Hope in Ravenna. Left to right: Wayne Enders, Past Governor of Kiwanis Ohio; Eric Schlaubach; Brad Cromes, Immediate Past President; Susan Huth; Judy Wilson; and Jay Richardson, President.