Kiwanis Object #5: To provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

Dear Fellow Ohio District Kiwanians,

Last week, over 20 tornadoes swept through Western Ohio, devastating the Kiwanis communities of Celina, Brookdale, Northridge, Beavercreek and Northern Dayton. Our Kiwanis clubs immediately stepped forward and showed their communities the “WHY” behind Kiwanis. While attending the Dayton Dragons baseball game, I was able to meet with Division 4 club leadership to learn more about tornado’s impact on their communities. By the morning after the tornadoes, our Kiwanis community in both Divisions 2 and 4 had already stepped forward. The Kiwanis Children’s Fund has a Disaster Relief Fund that provides grants to clubs whose communities are affected by natural disasters. I have informed KCF that grant request are forthcoming.

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation also has a Disaster Relief Fund. Last year, monies were provided to Kiwanis communities affected by hurricanes from this fund. Now it’s time for all of us to step forward to help our own Ohio communities recover from our natural disaster. Dick Brulotte, president of the ODKF has informed me that donations have started coming in through the ODKF website, www.ODKF.org. I have made a contribution through the website specifically for the Disaster Relief Fund and ask you all to do the same as we support the “WHY” behind Kiwanis.

I have included a photograph that Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Marcia emailed to me from the Associated Press of the devastation in Harrison Township. The tornadoes destroyed several apartments and rental properties, leaving many families homeless and without resources.
Executive Director Notes

Election Reports
Most of your clubs should have held your annual club elections by now, but only 64 clubs (25% of all clubs in Ohio) have filed your Election Reports through the Secretary Dashboard of Portalbuzz. This compares to 23% at this time last year. Without filing your reports online, the information may not be getting to either Kiwanis International or the Ohio District. This makes it very difficult for both Kiwanis International and the district to prepare our annual directories. Please remind your Club Secretary to do this. It is quite simple and easy. On the Secretary’s Dashboard, right above the list of your current officers, you will see the current year (2018-19) listed. To the right of the year you will see a triangle. Clicking on the triangle allows you to select next year and then you can proceed to enter your newly elected officers. As they enter the name of the new officer, the information prefills in the report. Please feel free to call Sarah Roush or me in the District Office at (614) 848-5000 if you need assistance.

District Convention
Planning is proceeding with our 2019 District Convention. A considerable amount of information concerning the convention has been uploaded to the District Convention page of our district website at www.ohiokiwanis.org, including the link to register online for the convention and a tentative schedule of events taking place in Huron, Ohio this August.

Club Monthly Reports
Part of the Club Secretary’s responsibility is to submit a club monthly report by the 10th of each month to inform Kiwanis International and the Ohio District about the meetings, events, activities, service projects and other important information about your club. From October through April we have 79 clubs with all their monthly reports submitted. A thank you goes out to the club secretaries from these clubs for your excellent and timely reporting during the first seven months of the Kiwanis year.
**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 registration cost is $30 per person which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, activities, and a T-shirt. Registration information is available at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org) under the Aktion Club tab.

One feature of the convention is the Central Ohio Symphony Drumming Circle. This group allows musicians to bring their music and craft to the community and enables community members to join in on making music. This therapeutic programs helps participants experience joyful moments and express their feelings.

Canine Compassion of Independence will also join the convention presenting one of their trained dogs. This organization provides assistance dogs free of charge to recipients. Members will learn about this organization and find ways to support it.

Contests! We also will have contests for the members and clubs including Scrapbook, Speech, Poster, and Single Service. The theme is “Serving the Children” and more information can be found at [http://www.aktionclub.org/resources/contestsandawards.aspx](http://www.aktionclub.org/resources/contestsandawards.aspx).

**Club Opening:** We have many areas of Ohio that do not have an Aktion Club. Ideally, we would have at least one Aktion Club per county. At 32 active clubs, we are short by over 50 clubs! Aktion Clubs are often at the county level, so it may make sense for your Kiwanis division to sponsor a club. Please reach out to me or other Aktion Clubs for more information.

For more information about Aktion Club, please contact Jennifer Weinberg at jldefrance@gmail.com.

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**Celebrating Mothers**

The Worthington Resource Pantry allowed the Kiwanis Club of Worthington-Linworth to set up a free Mother’s Day gift shop, from 3:00 to 7:00 for the children visiting the resource pantry on the Wednesday before Mother’s Day. We had 19 children who selected a special free present from the items in the gift shop which included make-up items, cosmetic bags, stationary, manicure sets, the resource center also provided some Mother’s Day cards. Each gift bag had a bag of Hershey’s hugs and kisses which were put together at a recent club meeting.

We also learned that El Salvador and some other countries celebrate Mother’s Day on May 10th each year which was a fact we did not know. This project has continued for our club since 2013. A special thanks to the Worthington Resource Pantry for all they do for the patrons who utilize the pantry, and for providing us with this unique service opportunity.

*Kiwanian Della Cross helps a patron of the Worthington Food Bank assemble a Mother’s Day gift for a lucky recipient.*
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 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 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.

June 15: **Cambridge**: First Baptist Church, 1387 East 8th Street, Cambridge, 9:00am - 1:00pm [Register Now]

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

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

June 15: **Norton**: Norton Community Center, 4060 Columbia Woods, Norton 9:00am - 1:00 pm [Register Now]

June 22: **Lima**: Milano Cafe', 2383 Elida Road, Lima 9:00am - 1:00pm [Register Now]

June 22: **Austintown**: Austintown Township Hall, 82 Ohltown Rd., Austintown 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 - 1:00 pm [Register Now]

We recommend registering in advance so we can ensure ample resources will be available or in case of cancellation.

Shelby County Aktion Club celebrates Summer with Picnic and Fun.

The Shelby County Aktion Club’s 4th Annual Picnic. This event brought in over 100 people. Included in attendance were several first responders from our local fire and police departments, 3 Kiwanis members, and Aktion Club Members from 3 neighboring Aktion Clubs.
BEREA KIWANIS CLUB PROVIDES MEMORIAL DAY BASKETS TO LOCAL FAMILIES

At the Ohio District Mid-Year Education Day in March, the Berea Kiwanis Club was awarded a $440 grant from the Kiwanis Foundation as part of the former First Lady’s First Family Project, “Feeding Ohio’s Children”. The project the club conducted was entitled “Memorial Day Baskets”. A variety of picnic food items were distributed to 13 local families (totaling 51 individuals). These families were identified by the Berea Community Outreach, a local food bank, as being the neediest.

The items that were purchased included: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Buns, Corn-On-The-Cob, Macaroni and Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Freeze Pops, Chips, Pretzels, Watermelon, Cookies, Drink Boxes, Ketchup, and Mustard. Two Berea Kiwanis members, Sherri Phelps and Sue Sutter, spearheaded the project.

Large grocery bags were then packed with these food items by Sherri, Sue and 3 other Berea Kiwanis members (Jeff Haas, Sadi Morgan, and Pat Hickey). The bags were distributed to the families on Thursday (May 23) before the Memorial Day weekend.

The New Albany Key Club held their annual end of the year banquet on April 26, 2019. The banquet was attended by Key Club members, parents and Kiwanis members. President Maya Patel and the Key Club board hosted the meeting. The officers gave a summary of the work done by the club for the year. They provided over 5,000 hours of service, completed 70 service projects and raised more than $5,500 which they donated to various charities. Pres. Patel and the board presented 21 Medallions to seniors who had performed over 30 hours of service. They also presented a number of individual awards for outstanding service. At DLC their advisor, Mrs. Cook won outstanding club Advisor, Maya Patel won the award for Outstanding President, the club took 1st place for the K-Family project the First and Main Flower Planting and took 2nd place for the annual Achievement award. Also, all newly elected officers were introduced to the members. The 2019-2020 President will be Naomi Patel and the Vice President will be Aagam Dalal. The newly elected officers will meet numerous times during the summer months to start planning for next year.

The New Albany Kiwanis is very proud of the student led Key Club at New Albany High School.

Ashtabula Kiwanis Supports 4-H

In honor of the 2018-19 First Family Project, the sponsoring of camperships for Ohio 4-H members, the Ashtabula Kiwanis Club donated funds to the Ashtabula County 4-H program. The donation will allow several children to enjoy the carefree experience that 4-H Camps offer.

Shown are: Joe Zappitello, President of the Ashtabula Kiwanis Club, Jenna Hoyt and Abby Averill, representing the 4-H Clubs of Ashtabula County, and Chris Bukvic, Lt. Governor of Division 22.
New Members - SLP Clubs

There is another hidden area out there for new members. Most clubs sponsor some level of Service Leadership Programs. This could be K-Kids, Builder’s Clubs, Key Clubs, or Circle K. How often when we help them with their projects or our projects do we actually talk about them joining a Senior Club? Here are some points to try if you haven’t already:

- Have them speak to your club and update on their activities.
- Invite them by personal letter to join your club after graduation.
- Pay for the school advisor to join your club.
- Do a presentation at their club about Senior Club activities.
- Have an Open House for parents of SLP members with a major speaker from the community, have displays, running videos etc.
- Award Scholarships for outstanding service and leadership.

All of the above points increases the communication with the SLPs’ about membership. Many of the new clubs opened today have former student leadership members join. Neither Kiwanis International nor the Ohio District requires them to pay International dues for two years. This is a good selling point to recruiting, and they know the Kiwanis name.

If you have other means of recruiting at this level let other clubs in your Divisions know or discuss at District Membership meetings. There is no end to the creativity that you can use to recruit for your club or Kiwanis.

The Ohio District as Governor Faith explained in the last Bulletin is having an excellent year for membership growth. With September not far away continue to grow your membership from “Good to Great”. For members you haven’t seen recently reconnect and get them involved in a project or committee.

The STEM Officer Installation

The Dayton Regional STEM School’s Key Club and Builders Club installed new officers May 6, 2019, as the clubs wrapped up business for the 2018-19 school year. Service leadership programs administrative years begin April 1st.

Division 4 Kiwanis Lt. Governor Marcia Copeland Hudson presided at the ceremony along with STEM School Builders Club advisor Mat Kirsch. Key Club Division 4-W Lt. Governor Sian Hermit, was also in attendance at the event.

The Key Club officers from left to right:
Front Row: Kristin Davis, Secretary, Sian Hermit, Lieutenant Governor, Apurva Makote, Treasurer, Huda Marouf, Vice-President, AJ Davis, President, Vraj Shah, Webmaster. Back Row: Nick Pant, School Advisor

The Builders Club officers from left to right: Sergio Nguyen-President, John Arthur-Treasurer, Myka Hopkins-Secretary, Sophia Jenista- Vice President, Melissa Ann Curran, School Advisor
Applying for a Kiwanis Children’s Fund Club Grant

Successfully applying for a club grant requires thoughtful preparation and thorough attention to the program’s criteria. Projects must have a strong Kiwanis identity as well as your Kiwanis club’s significant hands-on involvement. Projects must also support activities addressing at least one of the following Children’s Fund cause areas: health, education and youth leadership development.

Requirements:
- 50% of the work must be performed by Kiwanians or Kiwanis family members.
- Fill a need in your community
- Include programming that occurs at least once a year
- Support activities within at least one of the Children’s Fund five causes: health, education and youth leadership development.
- At least 25% of total funding from your club
- Require no more than 40% of total funding from the Children’s Fund
- Have at least one non-Kiwanis funding partner
- Spend the grant money within 12 months of when the grant was awarded

Once your club has determined that your project meets the requirements, it’s time to apply for a grant.

Submit a Letter of Inquiry providing to the Children’s Fund the following information:
- Project overview
- Timeline
- Budget
- Community needs overview

After your Letter of Inquiry is reviewed a KCF representative will call you to discuss whether the project meets eligibility requirements. During the call you will be notified whether the project has been approved to move forward in the grant process and invited to complete an application. Once your application is received it will be reviewed and scored.

Being invited to apply does NOT guarantee your club will receive funding.

Clubs not invited to complete an application will be informed why the project did not meet eligibility requirements.

For additional support throughout the grant-seeking process, applicants can find links to useful resources in the Guide to Club Grants.

I recommend following the information in the Guild to Club Grants. The Guide provides information on successful projects as well as projects that will not be considered for funding. It also provides steps on conducting a community needs assessment and resources and support to help throughout the grant process.

Important dates

For June 1 funding decisions:
Submit Letter of Inquiry any time before February 1
If approved, submit full application by April 1

For October 1 funding decisions:
Submit Letter of Inquiry any time before June 1
If approved, submit full application by August 1

For January 1 funding decisions:
Submit Letter of Inquiry any time before September 1
If approved, submit full application by November 1

Please contact the Children’s Fund with questions at grants@kiwanis.org. You can also call 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 225
The Kiwanis Club of Akron was organized August 28, 1916. It was the eighth club in Ohio and number 20 in the “National Kiwanis Club.”

Thanks to Ken Babby, owner of the Akron Rubber Ducks minor league baseball team and club member, the Akron Kiwanis Club meets at Canal Park, home of the Rubber Ducks in downtown Akron. Originally, the club met at the Portage Hotel, now long gone from the downtown scene.

Early activities included World War I Liberty Bond sales, conducting an “Americanization” education program, promotion of the Akron Charter Commission, expansion of the Akron Metropolitan Park District, support of the Red Cross and backing of the North Hill Viaduct Project.

The year 1923 saw the purchase of a farm house on Britain Road to house the Florence Crittendon Home, a maternity facility for unwed mothers. It was one of the club’s first major service projects. The original home was replaced in 1939 by the purchase of a building on East Buchtel Avenue. In 1941, the club staged a horse show at the Rubber Bowl that attracted 10,000 people. Profits were applied to the home’s mortgage.

In 1973, club member Richard Wright created the Kiwanis “Speakers Forum,” which became a regular Kiwanis meeting activity. It later evolved into the prestigious Akron Roundtable, with co-sponsorship by the Akron Beacon Journal and the Akron Community Foundation. The president of Kiwanis serves on the Akron Roundtable’s Board of Directors. Roundtable is considered a regular club meeting.

In 1976, the club began financial support of the American Diabetes Association’s “Random Testing Program and providing grants to the organization totaling $150,000 over the past 20 years!

In 1987, Professor Faye Biles of Kent State University became the first female member of the club. She paved the way for the many women who followed and have major contributions to the club’s progress. In 1994, Marianne Allard was elected the club’s first female president. The first annual Kiwanis Soap Box Derby “Pancake Breakfast” made its debut. It carried on for years, with proceeds going to charities and programs serving children.

At a regular meeting in 1996, the club sponsored he first “State-of-the-City” address by Akron Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic, a long-time member. The annual event continues to be hosted by Downtown Kiwanis in cooperation with the Akron Press Club and Downtown Rotary.

The club provide a generous financial grant (1997) and administrative services to the “Shots for Kids” program sponsored by Akron Children’s Hospital and the Summit County Health Department. Financial contributions of over $30,000 were contributed in 1998 by members to the Kiwanis International “Iodine Deficiency Deficit” fund drive.

In 2002, the club provided a grant of $11,000 to the Akron Zoo. The money was used to build a decorative water fountain at the entrance to this popular venue that attracts a growing number of children and adults annually.

In 2003, The Downtown Akron Kiwanis Foundation was created to further the health and welfare of the community, with an emphasis on children. Assets from the club’s Charitable Fund were transferred to the Foundation, which has 501C3 status by the IRS, making contributions tax deductible.

The club’s mission of service is as vital today as it was in the beginning 103 years ago. This includes sponsoring a dedicated and vibrant Circle K Club at the University of Akron and Builders Club in nearby Tallmadge.

Celebrity speakers over the years have included Frank Seiberling, founder of Goodyear, fan dancer Sally Rand, Lou Gehrig, New York Yankees Hall of Famer; George Voinovich, governor of Ohio and U. S. senator; Butch Reynolds, Olympic gold medal winner; university presidents; congressmen; local celebrities and many more interesting and influential personalities.

While service to children is prime, the club serves another vitally important function which is offering members an opportunity to widen their acquaintances and share in fellowship and leadership skills.
Start Making Plans NOW!

There is no time like the present to start making plans to attend the 102nd annual Ohio District Kiwanis Convention. The weekend of **August 9-11** will be an ideal time to visit **The Lodge at Sawmill Creek Resort**, in Huron, Ohio. Come a day early and take advantage of the golf course, nature walks, or visit Cedar Point.

The Ohio District of Kiwanis has a full agenda for the weekend, starting out with board meetings of the District Board, the Ohio Foundation Board and the last opportunity for President’s Certified Leadership Education on Friday afternoon. The evening provides an opportunity to meet the candidates for district offices (the Governor-Elect race is sure to be hotly contested!) then a fun social for our evening meal before kicking off into a lively Euchre Tournament.

Saturday brings educational sessions developed with you, the member in mind. Visit the Kiwanis merchandise to purchase a new shirt (or two) and place a bid on a gift basket in the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation’s “Basket Room”.

Participation in the House of Delegates will select our District Leadership within the organization and delegates will have an opportunity to vote on a proposed amendment. The Saturday Banquet will provide our Governor an opportunity to recap the year and to recognize outstanding servant leaders.

Sunday morning brings the annual Memorial Service, as we recognize fellow Kiwanis Family members who have passed away since last year. A truly moving ceremony. Finally, we wrap up with a brunch hosted by the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation, service grants may be won by attendees, and their annual meeting will conclude with the election of a new board member.

A club mailing has been sent to all club secretaries and information may be found on the Ohio District website, www.OhioKiwanis.org

Click here to open a copy of the Tentative Schedule for our 2019 District Convention.

**Online Registration is now open for the convention.** Please register online and be sure to make your hotel reservation early as there will be other events going on in the area at the same time and hotel rooms will be at a premium. The link to register online, as well as the form the includes hotel reservation information is listed below.

**Registration and Hotel Information**
Click here to register online for the 2019 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention.
Click here to download a hard copy of the 2019 Ohio District Convention registration form.
Click here to download the hotel reservation information for the Sawmill Creek Resort. Please note the to guarantee a hotel room at the special convention rate you must make your reservation by Tuesday, July 9. Link for on-line hotel reservation will be available soon.

**Workshop Information**
Workshops schedule coming soon.

**Convention Involvement**
Click here to download the Display Table Request Form
Click here to download the Convention Program Ad Sales Form
Click here to download the Convention Sponsorship Form

**Convention Special Events & Activities**
Click here to download the "Stuff the Bus" School Supply Convention Service Project Flyer
Click here to download the Foundation Basket Room Flyer
Click here to download the In Memoriam Service Information and Form
Click here to download the Official Call to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Annual Meeting

**House of Delegates & Elections Information**
Click here to download the Certificate of Election for Delegates and Alternates Form
Click here to download the Candidate Information
Click here to download the Proposed Amendment to the Ohio District Kiwanis Bylaws
Click here to download the Official Call to Convention