Welcome to June. Many Kiwanians and their families were able to safely meet for the first time in months over the Memorial Day weekend.

More and more of our Divisions and Clubs are meeting and communicating through Zoom and other social media platforms. Amazingly, reports are coming in of higher attendance with web-based meetings, than face to face meetings. The meals are cheaper too. What ever it takes to safely COMMUNICATE with our members and communities is what is most important.

Our first Zoom District Board Meeting was on May 30, with an attendance of approximately 46 participants. One of the highlights of the meeting was the Board vote on the date and location of the 2020 DCON, (District Convention.) Of course, this is based on if we can have an event that will include Social Distancing, and safe for all participants. The venue information is September 18, 19 20th, Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus-Dublin. The final determination information between a Virtual or Face to Face DCON will be made at the July Board meeting.

Important dates to remember in June - July.

- Membership Q4 30/20. Sign up and apply on line at ohiokiwanis.org until June 12th. First 30 clubs with P/R and membership FB and membership town hall support.

- Webinar and Zoom meeting signup and weekly calendar on line at ohiokiwanis.org and listed in this months Buckeye Bulletin. Featuring both Kiwanis International Emily Sharp and Patrick Hall.

- First Family Project. Think outside the box with distribution of First Family Program Helmets to Kids Now!

- June 15th to July 15th. During the week of June 15th your Club Presidents and Lt Governors will be receiving a survey / poll request to help answer key questions about this year’s DCON. This information will be used at the July Ohio District Board Meeting.

Kiwanis Family Campaign July 20-31st

The Kiwanis Family Project is partnering with membership and public relations for a Kiwanis Family Campaign in July. This Campaign will allow us to work with Kiwanis clubs throughout the district with both distribution of First Family bike helmets, and sharing club collateral materials including information on their upcoming September membership or open house events.

Clubs are encouraged to coordinate a date, location and time for distribution of helmets between Monday, July 20, and Friday, July 31. This will allow us to get Helmets to children in summer months while they’re active, so they can enjoy them.

Kiwanis clubs who would like to coordinate delivery of their helmets or would like to purchase helmets for a summer service project should contact Governor Tim Cornelius at ttcorny2020gov@att.net
District Office Update
As Ohio begins to work towards re-opening during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Ohio District Kiwanis Board voted at their recent board meeting on May 30 for the Ohio District Kiwanis staff to continue working from home when possible to insure their safety along with our members and guests through June 27th. During this time both Sarah and I will continue to support our members and clubs. We are available at our normal office phone numbers and emails during the District Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. If you need to visit the District Office for some reason, please contact us to schedule an appointment. The office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Election Reports
During these last couple of months, I know it has been more difficult for clubs to meet and conduct your business. This is the time your clubs should have held your annual club elections. Thank you to the club secretaries that have submitted their election reports. We have had 88 clubs (41% of all clubs in Ohio) have filed your Election Reports through the Secretary Dashboard of Kiwanis Connect. This compares to 25% 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 (2019-20) listed. To the right of the year you will see a triangle. Clicking on the triangle allows you to select next year (2020-21) 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.

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 68 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.
Webinars for the Leader in you!  The Ohio District of Kiwanis is offering online educational opportunities to our members, each live session is limited to 100 members, but we will be posting recordings of each webinar on the district website for later viewing. Register now to learn how you can boost your club’s presence and impact.

ALL webinars with descriptions and speakers can be found at www.OhioKiwanis.org under webinars in the menu drop down box.

**Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:15 pm** – Club Coaches Training: Part 2 / Lanton Lee/Bill Snellgrove

**Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:15 pm** – Ohio District Kiwanis Briefing #2 / Gov. Tim Cornelius

**Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:15 pm** – How to Build a Legacy for your club with ODKF

**Monday, July 6, 2020 at 7:15 pm** – Funding Kiwanis projects with grants and fundraising events

**Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 12:15 pm** – Virtual Luncheon on Service Leadership Programs: How to have a successful program today.

**Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:15 pm** – Kiwanis Children’s Fund: What we do and how we help clubs

**Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:17 pm** – The making of a club president (3-person panel discussion)

**Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 7:15 pm** – LGBTQIA+ and Kiwanis: Creating a safe and positive environment for SLP and club members.

*Programming updates and schedule adjustments can be found at www.OhioKiwanis.org/webinars*

*If you have an idea for a webinar or would like to be considered as a speaker, please email PR@ohiokiwanis.org OR JamesM@BuckeyeMediaServices.com.*

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**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.

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**New Member Fees Waived**

The Kiwanis International Board approved a motion for the waiver of the Kiwanis International new member fee for any new members who join existing Kiwanis clubs between April 22, 2020 and September 30, 2020. Further, due to the emergency conditions and resulting effects created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kiwanis International Board recommends districts and clubs to also waive their respective new member fees.

On April 29, 2020, the Ohio Kiwanis District Executive Committee representing the Ohio District Kiwanis Board voted and agreed to follow the suggestion of Kiwanis International and waive new member fees related to the Ohio District, and is asking Divisions and Club to follow. If the Divisions and Clubs follow this request, it would mean any new Kiwanis member in our District could join Kiwanis until the end of the year for “FREE”. If you need suggestions on how to leverage this to grow your club please contact Ohio District Membership Coordinator, Bill Pees at 937-361-8694 or williampees61985@gmail.com.
Even though no one knows for sure when normal club meetings will resume, virtual meetings are happening around the District. It is extremely important that we keep in contact with our members. **Induction of new members and orientation is being accomplished through the use of virtual media.**

The “Membership Boost Q4 30/20” program has been publicized and the last date to register will be June 12th. At the membership event in September a club chooses for social media support through PR Coordinator James Minter will be an excellent way to finish the current Administrative year and build momentum for next year. Open Houses have been very successful in 2019 because time was spent preparing for them. Additionally, keeping in contact with all the members of your club by phone or e-mail is vitally important to strengthening your membership regardless of club size.

As you can imagine Ohio District Membership has declined since March, however, we are in a great position to grow membership in the District in the next few months. The Membership Boost Q4 will start ramping up to September, and the new Webinar series will continue through July with dates tentatively scheduled through December for future topics. To find out more about the Webinars go to ohikiwanis.org and click on menu. Topics will appear and the Webinar link is right there. If you want to view one that you missed, they have been recorded after presented and the link to join can be accessed.

So take this time to connect and plan for your club’s future. Review your Strategic Plan over a virtual meeting. In the Northeast Region, that Ohio is part of with six other states the Ohio District is second only to New York in net new member adds. There is still room for improvement. We have a great District with exceptional members that have gone to extreme lengths to help children and communities in the last few months during this pandemic. It is not about the next election, but the next generation.

Hello Ohio District Kiwanis Members,

I hope you are staying safe and well in these trying times. I write to you with a heavy heart, especially in regard to what is going on in our world today. I challenge you to stand up in saying and doing what's right for our nation. To put it briefly, we need to recognize and condemn systemic oppression in our clubs, communities, and our global society. I challenge you to broaden your horizons and be the agents of change we need in our world and organization.

It is important for us to recognize our personal identities, privileges or oppressions, implicit biases, etc., in order to understand those of others. It is important to practice empathy, in order to be vulnerable enough to learn more and to have those difficult, and awkward conversations. I encourage any member of our Kiwanis Family to reach out to me at any time with any questions, comments, or concerns, particularly in the context of recent news.

In lighter news, the members of the Ohio District of Circle K Board and I have been hard at work over the past couple of months. Over the Memorial Day weekend, the District Board graciously assisted me in hosting our virtual Spring Officer Training in various workshop-style sessions via Zoom. We had a total of 8 of our clubs in attendance, which makes the event a great success despite not being in person. We held our second board meeting on Sunday, May 24 where we voted in our District Goals for the 2020-21 service year. We are striving for the following goals:

- **District Membership Total:** 225 members
- **Service Hours:** 1600 hours
- **Kiwanis Family Events:** 50 events
- **Fall Rally 2020:** 45 members
- **CKI Next 2020 and CKIx 2021:** 8 members, respectively
- **Active Clubs:** 13 clubs
- **WASH Fundraising Total:** $500 USD
- **Interclub Events:** 25 events
- **District Convention 2021:** 50 members

The District Board is excited to build stronger relationships with our clubs this year, and you as Ohio Kiwanis Members as well. We need to lift each other up and we need to support each other at all times, especially right now. Again, I want to thank you for your continued service and leadership in the Kiwanis Family organization.
The Worthington-Linworth Kiwanis Club, now in its 51st year of service to the community, recently completed an online fundraiser to benefit the Worthington Resource Pantry. Dubbed “Apparel for the Pantry” various styles of shirts, emblazoned with a new Worthington Ohio logo created by Kiwanian and Worthington graphic artist Jim Janosik, were sold online over a three week period.

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**CLUB ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY**

While Kiwanis members practice social distancing and avoid meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, there are electronic solutions for conducting business.

The Kiwanis International Bylaws require that clubs hold annual meetings and the election of 2020-21 officers by May 15. If your club was planning to hold elections soon, you can postpone that meeting to see if restrictions ease by the deadline, or you can follow these guidelines to conduct elections through an online voting website or app.

Once your slate of officers has been determined, please post them in the club election reports of the secretary’s dashboard. If you are unable to do so, please send an email with pertinent information to Sarah@ohiokiwanis.org.

Meanwhile, we urge all clubs to follow the restrictions and precautions recommended by local health departments to keep members, their families and their communities safe.
Circle K Wins Baldwin Wallace University Outstanding Student Organization
By Robin Gagnow, BW Circle K Co-Advisor

Each year, the Student Life Center department at Baldwin Wallace University (BW) hosts its annual Student Life and Leadership Awards ceremony. During the ceremony, outstanding programs, students, and organizations on campus are recognized for their work during the academic year. Roughly eight student organization awards and five student leader awards are given annually.

The competition can be fierce. Faculty, staff, and over 110 BW student organizations were encouraged to submit nominations for the awards. Once award nominations are submitted, a selected group of students, faculty, and staff serve as judges, carefully reviewing each nominee’s application. Each application includes the breakdown of projects and activities completed by the individual/organization, as well as an essay describing the nominee’s qualification for the award.

The 2019-20 Student Life and Leadership Awards were held virtually on April 30, 2020. This year, BW’s Circle K International chapter was recognized with a total of five Leadership and Student Organization Awards! It was very humbling and exciting, especially since BW’s Circle K International chapter received more awards this year than any other student organization. This speaks volumes about the individual dedication of Circle K International members and their embodiment of the organization’s mission throughout the year.

Please join me in congratulating BW’s Circle K International chapter on the following awards:

- **Outstanding BW Volunteer of the Year Award** – Nina Bauman, two-year member of CKI from Mentor, Ohio, majoring in Chemistry. This award is given to the student that has shown significant amount of service outside the BW community.

- **Yellow Jacket Organization Spirit Award**. This award is given to the student organization that collaborates positively with other student organizations and/or campus offices and departments and works to build school spirit and campus unity.

- **Cultural/Diversity Program of the Year Award** was given to Circle K International for its four Blood Drives that included membership drives for changing the laws for giving blood for gay men.

- **Service Program of the Year Award** was given to Circle K International for its “Heaven’s Train Program,” that included students, staff, faculty and members of nine Berea Kiwanians.

And last, but certainly not least - the highlight of the evening was BW’s Circle K International being selected as the Outstanding Student Organization of the Year for the 2019-2020 academic year. This was the ninth year in a row that BW’s Circle K International was recognized, and the competition gets tougher each year, as BW has a very strong Rotoract Club on campus. While the recognition is appreciated, as co-advisor I am most proud of the continued hard work of our members. Year after year, they bring positivity, genuine care for others, and a demonstrated commitment to making the world a better place through service.
Don’t Miss the 63rd Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Event

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and its golf committee are actively planning and excited for this summer’s 63rd Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Event. This year’s event will be held at Raintree Golf and Event Center located at 4350 Mayfair Road, Uniontown, Ohio. Raintree is located just off I-77 between Akron and Canton. This year the event will be one day only on August 12, 2020 and participation is limited to the first 128 players to register and prepay. We will be taking precautions along with the course to abide by all social distancing and safety rules in effect at the time of the event. New this year will be the addition of super senior tees. All men age 75 and over will be able to move up and tee off from the forward tees and all ladies age 65 and over will be able to tee off from approximately the 200 yard marker on all par 4 and par 5 holes. The fun will begin at 9:30am. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at www.odkf.org under the golf event tab. 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.

As in the past this year’s event will feature various levels of prizes by age group and for female players. New this year the winning prize in each category will be a $250 grant from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to support a service project for their home Kiwanis club.

The event continues to be sponsored by the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation making a portion of the registration fee and sponsorship donations tax deductible. The net proceeds from the event will be used to help support the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation with 50% of net proceeds directly funding the Safe and Healthy Kids grant program. 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, and prizes. The registration deadline is August 5, 2020. To continue to make this event a success and help raise funds for our Foundation and its grants programs sponsorships will again be sold. Sponsorship levels are as follows; a hole sponsorship for $100.00, a par sponsorship for $250.00, and a birdie sponsorship for $500.00. The hole sponsorship will get a professional sponsor sign on one hole with special recognition in the program and on the Foundation’s website. The par sponsor will receive one sign on the course, special recognition in the program and on the website plus golf for two players. The birdie sponsor will receive two sponsorship signs on the course, special recognition in the program and on the website plus golf for four players. We are in need of 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 your calendars and arrange 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 August 5, 2020. 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 and your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. We look forward to seeing everyone in August.

Public Relations
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REMINDER: 2019-2020
Public Relations Contests are Open

The following PR contests are listed at www.OhioKiwanis.org under Public Relations Resources:

* Newsletter Contest
* Golden “K” Contest
* Website Contest
* Just One More Contest
* Social Media Contest
* Public Relations Contest

All criteria involving conventions or that were altered by the impact of COVID19 will be taken into consideration with all contest submissions. DEADLINE for ALL contest submissions is Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Please submit to: PR@OhioKiwanis.org JamesM@BuckeyeMediaServices.com
Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Disaster Relief Funds

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation has received donations to its Disaster Relief Fund which are now available to Kiwanis Clubs in Ohio. The ODKF is offering grants so clubs can continue to support communities and serve Ohio’s children and families at this time of heightened need!

If your Kiwanis Club has a need for which the Foundation could provide funds please visit our odkf.org website and complete a disaster relief fund grant form. Email the form to treasurer@odkf.org.

If you, your Kiwanis club, and/or your division would like to make a donation to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, please go to the odkf.org website. Click the Donate Now button and select the link to Disaster Relief Funds. Kids and families in our communities will appreciate your support.

Kiwanis Club of Beavercreek

The Kiwanis Club of Beavercreek recently installed 8 new members! They held an orientation on Monday, June 1st at Milano’s Pizza in Beavercreek.

Those attending were Amanda Adams, Wendy Rodgers, Jamie Curtis, Tiffany Schwartz, Kelly McCormick, Club Secretary, Bill Pees, Membership Coordinator, Sandy Zimmerman, President-Elect and Kelly Faas, President. Those unable to attend were Becky Tate, Paul Faas, Becky McGuire, and Cheryl Montesi.

Clubs have an unprecedented opportunity to bring new members into their clubs through September 30th, 2020 with zero costs to Kiwanis International and the Ohio District. For more information on the New Member Fee Waiver, visit the Ohio Kiwanis website at OhioKiwanis.org.

Baby Bag Project Becomes a Reality!

The Stow-Munroe Falls Kiwanis club gathered on January 8, 2020 to pack diaper bags in response to a need at Summit County Children’s Services. While Children’s Services has items on hand for older children going into foster-to-adopt care, they are in great need of items for infants. This on-going mission has become the signature project of the club. In December we began gathering funds, ordering items, and sorting them. Each diaper bag contains 2 blankets, a sweater, 2 onesies, 2 sleepers, 2 pairs of socks, 2 pacifiers, 2 cloth diapers, 2 bibs, a teething ring, a soft toy with rattle, 2 bottles, and a Johnson’s Bath Kit. Children’s Services will supply disposable diapers.

Sometimes the placement of an infant happens with little warning and families receiving an infant need some help to get started. The diaper bags will be available to case workers as they place infants. They will be able to take a diaper bag with them to give to foster parents when the placement is made. Ten bags are being supplied to Children’s Services to have on hand, and when the supply needs to be replenished, they will contact our project coordinator who will provide replacements. Each bag costs approximately $100 and the funds were raised through the club’s resources and through individual donations from club members and friends. The club welcomes financial donations from the community.

The Stow-Munroe Falls Kiwanis club is delighted to help out the youngest children in the community through the Baby Bag Project. Each Baby Bag goes out with our blessings and our love.

For more information about this project or how you can help, please contact Kiwanis member Karen Drotar, chairman of this project. Karen can be reached at 330-673-7752 or by email at drotarstowumc@gmail.com
Emphasize Education at Our Childcare Centers

By Dr. Wil Blechman, Past Kiwanis International President and Originator of YCPO

Maybe our opinions about childcare and it’s problems would change if we got rid of the term “childcare centers” and replaced it with what many are—and many more should be: Early Care and Education Centers.

Perhaps if more of our legislators had a better understanding of the overwhelming importance of the 1,000 days following conception, appropriate support would at last be recognized for the true value it provides not only to the child and family but to society years later.

Yes, we have pre-kindergarten for 4-year old children, but, for many, it is too late to take full advantage of the remarkable brain development that has been occurring even before birth.

The goal should be to establish high quality centers with teachers providing not only care of children, but also education, by enhancing the brain’s genetic growth instructions with a scientifically-based background and the environment needed for optimal brain development of infants, toddlers and young children.

This is not new knowledge. Ever since President G.W. Bush declared the 1990’s the Decade of the Brain, research has provided evidence recognizing the immense changes that occur in brain functioning long before children enter kindergarten.

Economists have also shown a significant benefit to society as these children grow into adulthood, a benefit which outweighs the cost of providing quality care.

Unless or until we provide all of our youngest citizens with a quality education based upon brain research, we continue the risk of seriously limiting the social, emotional and intellectual potential available for our country.

The Kiwanis Club of Lima are pleased to announce their following SLP Club which are also supported by the Lima City School System have been recognized by Kiwanis International as indicated:

 Builders Club of West Middle School-Distinguished Club  
 Builders Club of Liberty Arts Magnet-Distinguished Club  
 Builders Club of North Middle School-Honor Club  

K-Kids Club of Independence Elementary School-Distinguished Club  
K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School-Distinguished Club  
K-Kids Club of Unity Elementary School-Distinguished Club  
K-Kids Club of Freedom Elementary School-Distinguished Club  

Angi Jolliff-Distinguished Faculty Advisor West Middle School  
Rachel Lesko-Distinguished Faculty Advisor West Middle School  
Janel Enberg-Distinguished Faculty Advisor Liberty Arts Magnet  
Erin Ridenour-Distinguished Faculty Advisor Liberty Arts Magnet  
Crystal Miller-Distinguished Faculty Advisor Heritage Elementary School  
Angie Meyer-Distinguished Faculty Advisor Freedom Elementary School

Makenna Guthrie-Distinguished Officer Builders Club of Liberty Arts Magnet  
Somiala Johnson-Distinguished Officer K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School

Certified Leadership Development  
Sarah Roush  
Sarah@ohiokiwanis.org

The 2020 Education Schedule has faced challenges unlike anything ever before. With rulings regarding social distancing changing weekly, and trying to ensure the well being of our membership, we keep trying to be innovative regarding how to get content to you in order to be prepared for your upcoming term.

This year, we will be coordinating a combination of webinars and in-person classrooms. The same knowledgeable and enthusiastic instructors will be available and eager to help you get set for your year as club leader. You can select whichever format you are most comfortable, whether in person or from the comfort and safety of your living room. Registration locations and times will be posted as they are confirmed at www.ohiokiwanis.org. We ask clubs to double check their elections are posted with Kiwanis International or with the Ohio District.

As always, thank you for your willingness to serve.