Kiwanians,

Welcome to July. We hope that Kiwanians and their families were able to follow safe distancing procedures when meeting over the July 4th holiday weekend.

More and more of our Divisions and Clubs are continuing to meet and communicate through Zoom and other social media platforms. Once again, reports are coming in of higher attendance with web-based meetings, than face to face meetings. In addition, some of the smaller clubs are returning to face to face meetings with proper social distancing. Whatever it takes to safely COMMUNICATE with our members and communities is what is most important. Our Public Relations and Membership Committees with the District Office have continued to provide a variety of Webinars and Educational Seminars.

Please go on the Ethernet under ohiokiwanis.org click Menu and then Current Webinars to see what Webinar’s coming up, sign up for one or more and you will receive reminder and invitation to the virtual event. If you have missed or were not aware of some of the previous Webinars, click on Webinars and then Archived Webinars, then click on your selection.

Important dates to remember in July.

- Membership Q4 30/20. Sign up and apply on line at ohiokiwanis.org until June 12th. Signup has been closed, if still interested please contact James Minter/PR Committee chair or Bill Pees /Membership chair for exceptions.

- Webinar and Zoom meeting signup and weekly calendar on line at ohiokiwanis.org and listed in this month’s Buckeye Bulletin.

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

- June 15th to July 15th. Lieutenant Governors, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries should have received a survey / poll request form to help answer key questions about this year’s DCON.

- If you are a Club President or Secretary and have not received this survey, please contact Lanton Lee at the District Office. This information is important and will be used at the July Ohio District Board Meeting on July 18th.

- **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.

In Kiwanis Service,

Governor Tim
Executive Director Notes

District Office Update
Beginning Monday, June 29 the Ohio District Kiwanis Executive Board has directed Sarah and I to create a schedule where we each will be working in the office 1 to 2 days a week on different days and working from home the other days of the week through the end of July. 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 whether we are working from the office or home. If you need to come to the District Office during business hours for any reason, please contact either Lanton or Sarah to schedule an appointment.

Continue the Work
The last four months have been a challenging time for all of us and our Kiwanis clubs. This issue of the Buckeye Bulletin has several great stories about how clubs have adjusted and adapted to continue to serve their communities. Kiwanis International has some great resources and information available at https://www.kiwanis.news/covid-19-kiwanis-suggestions to assist clubs during these challenging times. If your club is struggling to figure out how to meet, serve, and/or fundraise please contact us at the District Office for assistance.

Election Reports
I just checked our records and 122 of 217 clubs in the Ohio District have filed their Club Election Reports online through the Kiwanis Connect website. Thank you to the club secretaries that have submitted their election reports. Please encourage your club leaders to post your new Officers as soon as possible. This information is critical for both Kiwanis International and the Ohio District. Without it our directories will be very difficult to complete and our communications with your club leaders will not be timely. If they need help posting this information, please have them contact Sarah in the district office at (614) 848-5000 ex. 1 or email sarah@ohiokiwanis.org.
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](http://www.OhioKiwanis.org) under webinars in the menu drop down box.

**July 13**th at 7:15pm – Kiwanis Children’s Fund – “Who we are, what we do, and how we can help your club”. Register in advance at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Nfv8s1_cTWSpJLyhHmkm_Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Nfv8s1_cTWSpJLyhHmkm_Q)

**July 20**th at 7:15pm – The Making of A Club President (3 panel discussion with current/former presidents). Register in advance at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6kb3SmZ4S3Guf6vhoNCKRw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6kb3SmZ4S3Guf6vhoNCKRw)

**July 30**th at 7:15pm – LGBTQ and Kiwanis, creating a safe & positive environment for SLPs & club members. Speaker: Shawn “Spike” Smith, President of Kiwanis Club of Sheraden West. Register in advance at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FqgKLBsXRtugNP0QTAIsBg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FqgKLBsXRtugNP0QTAIsBg)

**August 3**rd at 7:15pm – First Family Project Update from Governor Tim & First Lady Anne
Register in advance at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CBEmz4mUQjCqEzGgTlvOnQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CBEmz4mUQjCqEzGgTlvOnQ)

**August 10**th at 7:15pm – How to be an effective leader within your club if you are not the president
Register in advance at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KggUD9uARNqTvDt9WDSvRg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KggUD9uARNqTvDt9WDSvRg)

*August 17**th at 7:15pm – LTG round-table – What it takes to be an effective LTG and support your clubs. Speakers: Governor Tim Cornelius, Governor Elect Jamie Kauffman, LTG Class President Nancy Hoffman
Register in advance at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MJDxiPsaQBCBuNXV0ccd4g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MJDxiPsaQBCBuNXV0ccd4g)

*August 20**th at 12:15 pm - LTG round-table - What it takes to be an effective LTG and support your clubs Speakers: Governor Tim Cornelius, Governor Elect Jamie Kauffman, LTG Class President Nancy Hoffman
Register in advance at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IQVHmZTwSdSOGS3Eg1bykw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IQVHmZTwSdSOGS3Eg1bykw)

**August 24**th at 7:15pm – Kiwanis Committees PART 1 (Serving on a committee that makes a difference)
Register in advance at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ic03vhazQKOpzWOeVIjTNg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ic03vhazQKOpzWOeVIjTNg)

**August 31**st at 7:15pm – Kiwanis Committees PART2 (Committees that make a difference for your club)
Register in advance at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QS60d36FRV6IwGNka98FeQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QS60d36FRV6IwGNka98FeQ)
These are certainly interesting times we are in for Membership and meeting together in-person as clubs. Some of you are starting to meet with social distancing either inside or outside and of course is the ever popular Zoom or Go to Meetings. As a District, 19 clubs are registered for the Membership Q4 program and there are clubs planning their own membership drives in late August and September. The timing for these events could not better, they will be able to take advantage of the new member fee waiver which is in place through September 30, a considerable savings for new members. As always, new members who are former members of our Service Leadership Programs, also have their new member fees waived.

The Ohio District Membership and PR Teams are here to help you grow your membership through the Boost program or another membership drive. This time of year is very important not only to make sure members are contacted about continuing their membership next year but engaging them in future club projects. We don’t know what the next few months will bring so we all have to “think outside of the box” to keep the energy going in serving the children in our communities.

The Kiwanis Club of Northridge (Dayton) is pleased to have helped celebrate the Graduation of the Northridge High School Class of 2020. We presented five $500 scholarships to some very deserving graduates. Oscar Ahuatl, Samantha Petroski and Dylan Triplett were awarded club scholarships. All were members of Key Club. Samantha’s father and grandfather were members of Kiwanis. Chad Florence received the Larry O’Donnell Memorial Scholarship for his leadership in Key Club and other school functions. Chastity Rettig received our tornado relief scholarship.

The Class of 2020 celebrated with a virtual ceremony spearheaded by Kiwanian and Superintendent, David Jackson. Seniors were videoed at school in small groups receiving a Diploma and Congratulations by administrators, having small group cap tosses and photos in a specific spot so a class photo could be generated as well as the Traditional Class Selfie. All of this set the stage for an AMAZING night at the Dixie Drive In where the feature movie was NHS CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION. On “graduation night” there was a parade of cars through the neighborhood with signs and horns. The parade destination was the Dixie Drive-In where each Graduate was presented with their diplomas and a special gift of a $10.00 Little Caesars’ gift card to help graduates celebrate with their families!
Kiwanis International K-Kids Clubs, Advisors, and Officers Awards

Kiwanis International is a volunteer service organization dedicated to serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time. Our Sponsored Youth Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) are a major focus and give our youth the opportunity to learn leadership skills while serving their school and community and helping others. Kiwanis Kids (K-Kids) are the youngest SLP, for elementary school students between the ages of 6 and 12. Members learn leadership and self-development skills while they plan projects, set goals, work with others, and celebrate their successes.

Kiwanis International announced the 2019-20 awards to Kiwanis Kids for their outstanding service. Congratulations to the following Ohio District K-Kids Club Advisors, Officers and Distinguished/Honor Clubs. The District would also like to recognize the outstanding efforts and generosity of their sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs, Kiwanis Advisors and volunteers who fund and support their activities. The Ohio District K-Kids was well represented, receiving a total of 16 Awards!

Distinguished K-Kids Club Advisors (out of 11 awards total):

♦ Freedom Elementary School - Angela Meyer (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)
♦ Heritage Elementary School - Crystal Miller (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)
♦ Heritage Elementary School - Robert Day (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)
♦ Granville Elementary School - Jessica Wilson Ph.D. (Kiwanis Club of Granville, Ohio)
♦ Independence Elem School - Sara Bowsher (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)
♦ Unity Elementary School - Sara Zeller (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)

Distinguished K-Kids Club Officers (out of 6 awards total):

♦ Heritage Elementary - Somiala Johnson (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)
♦ Heritage Elementary - Aleesha Stewart (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)

K-Kids Distinguished Clubs and Honor Clubs (out of 35 awards total):

♦ Heritage Elementary School - Distinguished Club (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)
♦ Freedom Elementary School - Distinguished Club (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)
♦ Independence Elementary School - Distinguished Club (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)
♦ Granville Elementary School - Distinguished Club (Kiwanis Club of Granville, Ohio)
♦ Unity Elementary School - Distinguished Club (Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio)
♦ Marshall Elementary School - Distinguished Club (Kiwanis Club of Oxford, Ohio)
♦ Walter Kidder Elementary School - Distinguished Club (Kiwanis Club of Brunswick, Ohio)
♦ Horace Mann Elementary School - Honor Club (Kiwanis Club of Lakewood, Ohio)

The Kiwanis Club of Beavercreek was proud to present Sharon Fulcher of Feed the Creek with a check for $4,078. Sharon stated that this amount could feed 136 children for one month. These funds were raised from a $2500 grant from Kiwanis International and private donations.

Present were: Kelly Faas, President, Sandy Zimmerman, President-Elect, Kelly McCormick, Secretary, Bill Pees, Cheryl Montesi, Connie Hilton, Rafi Rodriguez, Wendy Rodgers, Becky McGuire, Paul Faas and Bob Buescher.
Choose Faith

The sturdiest, most resilient and inspiring individuals in history are the ones who choose to love regardless of their circumstances. Individuals like Mahatma Gandhi or Dr. Martin L. King Jr. demonstrated nonviolent resistance. Showing the ability to love, when others would fail, is Faith. Faith is the choice to love, no matter the situation. The more you choose to love, the greater your faith will grow.

Showing faith in our world, in its current state is difficult. It is easy to lose hope during this Covid-19 topsy-turvy world full of social unrest, unemployment, social distancing, face mask, sickness and death can seem pointless. Love can be difficult! Including, knowing how and when to take the time for self-love. This is very important in knowing when to just stop, take a break, or a moment for yourself, to rest your body and mind, honoring yourself when you need a moment to just take a deep breath. Will ensure self-care, improved mood, reduced anxiety, and bring focus to everything you do. Love brings balance to your life which is our greatest purpose.

In Memory of Albert C. Gilbert Jr., Governor 1994-1995

It is with deep sorrow we share the passing of Albert "Al" Gilbert Jr. on June 24. Al was a member of the East Cleveland Kiwanis Club for many years, where he had served as President, Lt. Governor for his division and eventually as Governor for the Ohio District of Kiwanis. His wife of 70 years, Iris, had passed away 76 days earlier.

Al served in the United States Army following his graduation from high school. He was stationed in England, Germany and France, serving with honor and valor as his unit stormed the beaches of Normandy, earning him three Bronze Stars for Heroic Service in Action.

After graduation, Al attended Morgan State University as he earned his BA, and as the captain of the football team he led them in an undefeated season. It was here, that he met and married his adored "sweetie" Iris. After college, He and Iris moved to Cleveland, where he worked with the Continental Can Company until his retirement.

Al served on the East Cleveland Board of Education and provided lay ministry services at his Presbyterian Church. During his term as Governor for the Ohio District of Kiwanis, his theme was "Kiwanians are... "Hall of Famers” “ and "Kiwanis-The Need Has Never Been Greater.”

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Notes of condolences to the family may be sent to: Al Gilbert III, PO Box 20265, Oakland, CA 94620.
2020 District Convention Update

The COVID-19 pandemic, and the actions we have all had to take, have had a dramatic effect on our daily lives. Our routines have been disrupted, many of us are working from home, and we’ve limited our trips out into the world. Kiwanis has not been immune to these disruptions; International Conventions have been canceled, as have many of our meetings, fund raisers, and service projects. We’ve had to adjust to participating in tele-meetings from our living rooms, studies, back porches, even our cars.

Our District Convention is no different. As I’m sure you know, the District Board voted at it’s May meeting to change the date of the 2020 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention to the weekend of to September 18, 19, and 20. This also necessitates a change in venue; the Crowne Plaza facilities we would need were not available. We are currently working with the Embassy Suites Dublin as a probable location for the 2020 Convention; should we meet in person.

All available options are being considered on how we can conduct our meetings, encourage fellowship, and recognize individual and club accomplishments while protecting the health and safety of our members. Options include holding a limited number of in-person meetings and events, holding all of our meetings remotely through tele-meetings, or a combination of the two. The District Board will take up this matter at its July Board meeting. In the event we should meet in person we have developed special procedures for this year’s convention based on best practices for social distancing to protect the health and wellbeing of the attendees.

Regardless of the venue there is one thing you and your club can do to prepare for Convention: select your delegates. Each club is entitled to seat up to three delegates. Two of these should be the club president and president designate. A club can also nominate three alternates who can serve if any delegate is absent. Club delegates and alternates must be active members of the clubs they represent. A Lieutenant Governor or past Lieutenant Governor may represent any club in their division not otherwise represented by three delegates. Something to keep in mind when selecting your delegates: District officers, past Governors, and past Treasurers of the district who are active members of a club in the district are be delegates-at-large. A copy of the Certificate of Election of Delegates Form for District Convention can be found on the District website at http://www.ohiokiwanis.org/Page/25823. Additional information for delegates can be in the District’s Bylaws.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and Governor DeWine’s briefings and will share additional information on the 2020 District Convention as it becomes available.

On To District Convention
Craig Smith, Chair
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2020 District Convention Update

Craig Smith, Chair
GOLF ANYONE?

Bill Flinta, Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation
Golf Committee Co-Chair

Are you tired of sitting at home? Do you want to get some exercise and have some fun and fellowship with other Kiwanians? If you answered yes to any of these questions then please plan to attend this summer’s 63rd Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Event hosted by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to benefit the Foundation with 50% of the net proceeds going directly to its Safe & Healthy Kids grant program.

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. It will be a one day only event taking place 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. All participants as they arrive will need to sign a participation waiver to hold the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, The Ohio District of Kiwanis International and the golf course harmless from any COVID related incidents. 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. There will be various levels of prizes by age group and for female players. New this year in addition to traditional prizes 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. Also 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. As always this event is open to the entire K-Family and 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.

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.

Mansfield Kiwanis Wins Bronze Recognition in Kiwanis International Signature Contest

In a Facebook Live event from Kiwanis International on June 17, the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield was awarded the Bronze award in tier 2 (clubs with 27+ members) of the Kiwanis International Signature Project Contest. The Club’s signature project is with Friendly House that has been going on since 1922.

As part of Mansfield Kiwanis 100th anniversary, they set out to raise money for two mini buses for The Friendly House. One has been purchased after the success of the Coolest Dog Contest and the Purr-fect Cat Contest. They raised some funds for the second bus through Richland Gives and a Talkin’ Tribe event, but funds were still needed.

The club submitted an entry to the Ohio District and were chosen from all District entries to represent Ohio in the International Contest. The Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville was selected to represent Ohio in tier 1 (Club of less than 27 members) for their “Trykes for Tikes” project, providing Amtrykes to Children with Physical Limitations. More than 367 entries were submitted to the International contest. Both clubs were notified in March 2020 they were in the top 10 entries in their tier.

The Ohio District would like to congratulate both clubs for their outstanding work in their community and their outstanding projects.
Creating “Covid-19 Outreach”

Submitted by Mike Amstutz, President of the Kiwanis Club of Berlin Heights

The Kiwanis Club of Berlin Heights in Division 12 is a small club with 17 active members. Even though our town of Berlin Heights has a population of under 500, we decided we needed to do some major outreach in a variety of ways to show the community that positivism and creating a better world one child and one community at a time is relevant and important.

After speaking with Sarah Roush, the Administrative Secretary at our Ohio Kiwanis headquarters in Columbus, we decided to make June a “Covid-19 Outreach” month. We planned our strategy by hosting two meetings in my spacious back yard with everyone wearing masks and all tables six feet apart, observing the social distancing rules! After two separate meals prepared and served by our local Speech and Debate team (which we co-sponsor), we brainstormed and came up with five projects to tackle in a record breaking three weeks of June.

We decided to purchase an Apple IPad7 for the Kingston Residence at Vermillion Rehabilitation and Nursing facility so residents could Facetime with their loved ones. The nursing and support staff were thrilled and immediately set up a schedule so residents could talk to their family and friends on “TV”, which is what they call the IPad. The schedule filled up fast and the Facebook posts that the nursing home posted were so positive that we decided to purchase another one for a second facility in our county. The very next day we purchased another Apple IPAD 7 for The Meadows at Osborn care facility. The staff social director literally had tears of gratitude flowing down her cheeks when she accepted the IPad. The facility has over 100 residents who had not been able to visit with their family members since March because of Covid-19 restrictions. This was a huge outreach for our Spiritual Aims campaign.

We are a rural county which currently has the highest unemployment rate in the State of Ohio, so we knew the need was great. We had an extra $250 profit from our January Trivia Night Contest which nearly all of the Kiwanis Clubs in Division 12 supported, so we sent a check for $150 to a county wide program which provides home delivered food to rural families in need and $100 to our local food bank to help our local community as well.

Realizing that safety is a major emphasis for our club, we decided to become a part of the Bicycle Helmet First Family Project in Ohio. We did a bicycle safety free helmet distribution on June 27th in conjunction with our town sheriff, Charity Shafer. We gave bicycle safety coloring books to our kids, aged 3-11. A safety brochure and a free, fitted helmet to any child in the community who needed one!

Like the little engine that chugged and chugged up the hill repeating, “I think I can, I think I can.” We thought we could impact the community during these trying times, and we believe we did. We are anticipating a second round of projects in the month of August to make our community a safer, healthier place to live, including purchasing materials for our local speech and debate team to effectively debate this year’s national topic. “Resolved: The United States Federal Government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.” (The advisor for the club is a fellow Kiwanian and most of our members judge the weekly tournaments or assist with the concession and/or tabulation booths! Persuasive speech is the best way to promote our values and ideals!)
Kiwanians – Serving the children of the world – all the time.
The spirit of the Kiwanis motto unquestionably includes this extension. In our coronavirus-affected world, Kiwanians are finding ways to conquer hurdles by being creative and working together. This is a time for Kiwanians to continue to volunteer and be the leaders in our communities. Children and families are counting on Kiwanis clubs to maintain or increase support to programs that were in place prior to mid-March. Many clubs are even finding new ways to support their communities.

The following is a list of some of the projects Kiwanis clubs are working on during this extraordinary time:

- Volunteering at local food banks and mobile food pantries – packing food boxes and helping with distribution.
- Purchasing school supplies and preparing packs for August distribution.
- Helping with school district summer food distribution programs. Distribution programs vary from district to district so check with your local schools.
- Providing coloring books, puzzles, crayons, and family activity sheets along with the school food distribution.
- Writing congratulatory notes to graduating students, especially those involved with SLPs. Notes are forwarded to the SLP advisor who passes them on to club members.
- Coordinating socially distanced bike trail and park cleanups.
- Providing meals for first responders/hospital workers.
- Preparing reading videos for summer school online classes.
- Making donations to community charitable organizations to support their essential programs. The needs have increased for many families.
- Accessing Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and Kiwanis Children’s Fund grants. The foundations are stepping up to provide additional assistance to clubs so they can continue their support programs.
- Continuing to support the Ohio District Kiwanis First Family Project – Prevention of Kid’s Head Trauma. The ODK First Family Project offers bike helmets to clubs for distribution to kids to keep them safe as outdoor activities are increasing, this summer.
- Distributing swim shirts (ODKF summer project – Water Safety) for use in backyard and community pools.
- Purchasing computers for students who can use them for online school lessons.
- Donating to community arts organizations who are engaging kids through virtual camps.
- Inviting community leaders to speak during virtual club meetings. Club meetings can be a conduit to provide current, accurate, community information to the public.
- Supporting this summer’s 4H virtual camping activities. In lieu of on-site camping, many 4H members are participating in online camping experiences. This is a peripheral connection to last year’s Kiwanis Kampership project.
- Organizing a contest on Facebook encouraging students to create and submit their own custom face masks, including an appropriate and desirable prize.
- Making face masks for essential workers in communities.
- Donating funds to a different community organization each month.
- Continuing to award scholarships to students who will be attending colleges in the fall.
- Volunteering to help with cleaning, painting, and repairs during the temporary closure of community thrift stores. Even though some thrift stores have reopened, many are on a reduced-hours schedule so the opportunity to help still exists.
- Helping with the planting and maintenance (weeding, watering, harvesting) of community vegetable and flower gardens.
- Supporting programs that help families secure affordable housing.
- Donating to the local United Way. Through these donations, many families are directly and indirectly helped during tough times.

Check out the article on the Kiwanis.org website for more ideas and resources to sustain communities and Kiwanis clubs. The article and link are: ADVICE FOR CLUBS DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC. https://www.kiwanis.org/news/covid-19-kiwanis-suggestions

This is not the time for Kiwanis clubs to fade into the background. Kiwanians have a challenge to creatively support their communities. Kiwanians are accepting and meeting this challenge.
Lorain County Kiwanis Clubs name Service Award to Honor Avon Lake’s Bob Marimon

Submitted by Terry Mazzone, Lt. Governor, Division 13

Avon Lake Kiwanian Robert Marimon will long be remembered for his commitment to enhance the lives of children as representatives of the eight Lorain County Kiwanis Clubs voted to establish the Division 13 Member of the Year award in his honor.

Marimon was a 45-year member of the Avon Lake Kiwanis Club. He died in June at 98.

Marimon, an Avon Lake resident since 1938, was a second generation Kiwanian as his father Robert was a charter member of the Avon Lake club. He joined Kiwanis in 1975 and served as the President of the Avon Lake Club in 1986/87 and as Lt. Governor for the 13th Division in 1993/94. He served as the treasurer for 23 years for Avon Lake Kiwanis and seven years for the division. He was inducted into the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame in 2016 and was named a George Hixon Fellow, a prestigious Kiwanis honor for years of dedicated service to the organization and local community.

“The honors and awards he earned speak for themselves,” Avon Lake President Chuck Fye told division leaders when they met June 24. “As treasurer, Bob served 23 different club presidents and seven different Lt. Governors. He was the glue that kept everything together and on track. He was an outstanding fund-raiser. He was just a great leader and someone we all respected.”

Division members voted to establish the “Robert ‘Bob’ Marimon Division 13 Member of the Year Award” in his honor plus issue a $250 check in his memory to the Ohio Kiwanis District Foundation.

His children, Karen Marimon Kind, Sue Marimon Speakman and Thomas Marimon, sent a $750 check to the Ohio District Foundation. In a thank you letter to the Division, they wrote “Kiwanis was such an important part of his life and he dedicated his time, knowledge and energy in the most positive way possible. Our Dad would have been so honored to have this annual award name for him!”

They added, “We know that this foundation will continue to make a difference and improve the lives of children and families in Ohio.”

Division 13 has eight Kiwanis clubs working in Lorain County with nearly 200 members. Clubs are located in Elyria, Wellington, Avon Lake, North Ridgeville, Grafton, and Avon, with Lorain and Vermilion re-forming clubs this spring.

Medina Kiwanis Clubs Team Up to Open City Pool.

The residents of Medina were faced with a long hot summer. Funding shortages in city coffers meant cutbacks in a variety of areas including opening the town’s Memorial Park Pool. The local Kiwanis Clubs thought this was a terrible decision and under the leadership of Tom Borror of the Kiwanis Club of Medina Breakfast, the clubs raised $20,000 to guarantee the necessary upgrades to the local pool were funded.

Their efforts quickly came to fruition thanks to donations from individuals and contributions from local foundations, as well as the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. The upgrades were completed to ensure the pool was opened by July 6, just in time for a heat wave.

The Kiwanis Club of Medina Breakfast purchased swim shirts with the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation’s Safe and Healthy Kids logo on them and distributed them to any child who requested one. Additional shirts are available through the pool’s concession stand.
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.

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.