Fellow Ohio Kiwanis Members,

Within a week, I hope to see many of you at the Ohio District Convention at Sawmill Creek Resort. I want to celebrate with you all the successes that you and your clubs have accomplished:

* Every division has shown positive growth since October 2018
* A majority of Ohio Clubs have shown positive growth since October 2018
* Your clubs continue to open new Service Leadership Programs at all levels
* Seven clubs will have celebrated their 100th anniversary of their charter and at least four clubs will be celebrating their charters.

You will have provided at least 240 kamperships to 4-H members as part of the First Family Project.

During my visits to your clubs and divisions, I have been humbled by, but not surprised with, the magnitude of children’s lives that you have improved and changed.

We still have two months left in this Kiwanis year. Let’s continue our efforts. Let’s keep the momentum that was started last year with Governor Dan and keep it going for Governor-Elect Tim.

Save the Date: The Tri-K Leadership, Education, Training Conference and Ohio District Kiwanis Installation of the 2019-2020 Board and Chairpersons will take place Saturday, September 28, 2019 in Cleveland.

Tri-K and Board Meetings will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn, Cleveland Airport (4900 Emerald Court, Cleveland, OH 44135). Installation Banquet will take place at the 100th Bomb Group Restaurant, 20920 Brookpark Road, Cleveland 44135.

The First Board Meeting for 2019-2020 will take place Sunday, September 29.
Executive Director Notes

The Kiwanis Year is winding down, we have less than two months left to accomplish our goals as a district, as well as our goals as Kiwanis clubs! We are so close to finishing this year with positive growth for the first time in about 16 years. Let’s do everything we can to add those new members and to open new clubs.

I just checked our records and only 111 of 224 clubs in the Ohio District have filed their Club Election Reports online through the Kiwanis Connect website. We must have your incoming officers and their contact information to be able to provide your club with timely information in the New Year and to produce a directory that will be useful to all Ohio Kiwanis members. Please encourage your club leaders to post your new Officers as soon as possible. If they need help posting this information, please have them contact us in the district office at (614) 848-5000.

This weekend we will hold our District Convention. The Convention committee has worked hard to put together a great schedule of activities. We are at a great location on the shores of Lake Erie at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio. You can still register to attend. We have great speakers, fun social events, an excellent forum schedule and important elections are taking place. Please make sure your club is represented in order to vote and bring home all the resources and information provided during this great weekend.

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Membership Retention

As we come to the last 2 months of the Administrative year, the importance of retaining and engaging members in every club is extremely important. A proven way to gain on membership and reduce the amount of attrition in September is to work on connecting with members you haven’t seen recently.

Members can be lost for the following reasons:
- job transfers, moving out of the area
- medical reasons or unable to attend, passing away
- discontent with Kiwanis, not meeting their expectations
- family issues, health, divorce etc......
- other reasons you may not know about

What can clubs do to retain members?
- start with a Member Satisfaction Survey or Survey Monkey
- contact members that have missed the last two meetings
- Assign them to a project
- Ask them to help at a fundraiser
- Ask them to serve on a different committee or new one

Tools that help can be found at kiwanis.org/ACE Tools.

Going forward, make sure they are getting a monthly Newsletter, send weekly e-mails to remind members of programs, special projects, fundraisers, or set up an Open House. If there is a fifth day in the month when you meet have a "Fun Night" where they and their families are invited.

As a final comment, don’t forget recognition either verbal or otherwise especially for individuals who have been members for a long time. Kiwanis International has many awards for recognition.

Retention is really a 12 month endeavor. Doing all these things to help with retention of members will enable your club to go from "Good to Great".
Greetings fellow Kiwanians,

Summer is quickly winding down but the opportunity for fellowship with other Kiwanians and K-Family clubs are plentiful. Remember the District Convention is Aug. 9-11 and counts towards a credit for Interclub and club banner patch awards.

I encourage you to seek opportunities to share in the fun with other club’s projects and fundraising events for Interclub and fellowship credits, especially with Circle K Clubs, Key Clubs, Aktion Clubs, Builders Clubs and K-Kids Clubs. I’m certain they would welcome the extra hands and we just may inspire them to continue their service as a future Kiwanis member. Interclub credits are not limited to just Kiwanis club meetings, but all organized K-Family events. Be sure to invite others to your club’s events through email, Facebook, Twitter and other social media sources your club may use.

Enjoy your remaining summer and I hope to see you soon!

Click here to download a PDF copy of 2018-19 Interclub Award Criteria.

Leadership Development and Education

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Greetings fellow Kiwanis members of the Mighty Ohio District. As you are reading this article, we are into the homestretch of this administrative year, which ends September 30th. While that date is just around the corner, your recruitment efforts should continue every day. Communities across Ohio need more hands to help build playgrounds, to flip more pancakes and to simply make a bigger impact. The day you stop recruiting members is the day your club stops growing. One way to keep your members engaged is to get members to attend District events like the Mid Year Education Day or District Convention.

Hopefully your club plans to be represented at the District Convention in Huron Ohio, August 9-11. At this event we will hold the House of Delegates, where there are some contested races. Make sure that your club has submitted the paperwork to have your delegates seated in the House of Delegates so your voice will be heard.

Also at this convention, there will be 18 exciting workshops held over three rounds on Saturday morning. Your members attending will have the opportunity to learn from such workshops as: **Kiwanis Children’s Fund 101, Re-Engaging Members, Serving at a Higher Level and Signature Projects, First Family Project, What are the Parts of Kiwanis Membership, Youth Protection Guidelines, How to benefit from an ODKF Grant, Membership Growth is all in the Ask, Key Club, Circle K, Building a PR Presence, Expanding Your Club with Satellite members, Club Advised Funds, New Secretary How to’s, Planned Giving, Risk Management and Safe and Healthy Kids.**

This will be an opportunity to hear from some great presenters like our International Trustee, Chuck Gugliuzza, Kiwanis Children’s Fund Development Officer, Patrick Hall, members of Ohio’s Largest club Wooster, Past Governors, and members of our District membership team among many others. There is sure to be something for everyone, so that you can take information back to your club and make the impact in your community even stronger.

On a final note, it has been my privilege to serve these past two and half years as your District Leadership, Development and Education chair. Thank you to everyone who has helped present a workshop, listen to me vent, or helped with an event. Ohio is so fortunate to have so many great members like YOU that truly care about making a difference. I am happy to report that Susan Denning from the Alliance club will be taking over as your District Education Chair effective October 1. She will indeed be a true asset to the District. Thank you all, for everything that you do to make our communities better every day.
**Kiwanis Kids**

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They will help you promote the club, come up with ideas and share the clubs’ progress and achievements within the school community. The **Kiwanis Advisor** supports the Faculty Advisor and is the liaison to the Kiwanis Club. They promote K-Kids within the Community (news releases) and facilitate interaction with the Kiwanis club and other SLP clubs (shared service projects such as Trick or Treat for UNICEF in November). The Kiwanis Advisor is the face of Kiwanis to the K-Kids and their parents. The Kiwanis advisor must have a clear background check. The Kiwanis Advisor completes the monthly report, receives communications from KI and the District, and leads the Kiwanis members to help the K-Kids. See the many resources online at Kiwaniskids.org or contact the District Administrator (Jennifer Lewis, lewis.792@osu.edu) anytime for support.

“**What shall our K-Kids do?**” Most K-Kids clubs are electing leaders and planning their year of service now. **My advice: Be Prepared and Plan Ahead, HAVE FUN and let the Kids plan the projects.** It may take more time, but they will be more invested and rewarded. Resources with ideas are abundant (KI Magazine, Kiwaniskids.org, Service-Learning books, lists that I share at MidYear and Convention. If time and cost are a limiting factor, consider teaming up with Key Club, Circle K or interview the Principal for ideas. Picking up litter around the school or making safety playground videos are free and fun! If you need funds, apply for small grants and ask local businesses to sponsor projects, e.g. a new buddy bench or recycle an old bench. If ideas are your challenge – plan your year to coordinate projects and programs with the upcoming holidays – e.g. Veteran’s Day in November: Invite a Kiwanis Veteran to share their thoughts with students, write letters to active military, possibly also a relative of a school staff, collect and mail care packages to military overseas, plant bulbs for a Veteran’s garden, host a Veteran’s appreciation dinner with your Kiwanis Club and invite local Veterans and K-Kids with parents. For Christmas in December: Visit a senior center to read and play Bingo, bring a parent to help your Kiwanis club ring the Salvation Army Bell, make cheery window clings or sock snowmen for a hospital or hospice, collect toys and supplies for the animal shelter, decorate placemats for Meals On Wheels using recycled Pancake Day placemats. Whatever you do, try to plan one **Signature Project** (a major project or theme for year). For example, a Buddy Bench including planning, decorating and supporting it, for example, or a theme such as Improving the Environment or Feeding the Hungry. **Keep a calendar list** of each meeting’s projects (list on agendas), **take a few photos** and share with your school, parents and Kiwanis club. **Involve the parents** in the projects. **Share the photos** on a school bulletin board, in the school communications, in the local newspaper, and/or in a presentation at the end of year celebration with the students, parents, Principal, Superintendent, and Kiwanians. **Whatever you do, remember to make it FUN and MEANINGFUL. K-Kids is all about caring about others!**

**News, Reminders and Online Training:** Secretaries and Advisors will update their membership roster and Advisor information online. If you want to start a new K-Kids Club, first talk to your school Principal or Superintendent. Every elementary school deserves a K-Kids club and Kiwanis offers all the tools and excellent volunteers! Instructions including How-To-Steps are available online at Kiwaniskids.org/charter. Kiwanians can order Free Brochures about K-Kids online from KI via store.Kiwanis.org. These are useful when promoting K-Kids or recruiting new members. In addition to Kiwanis Kids Clubs, Kiwanis clubs can sponsor a Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades Program at any Elementary or Intermediate School. Go to Kiwaniskids.org for more information. This year I will be compiling a recipe-style booklet of service project ideas for K-Kids. I want to include each club, so please share your projects and photos!

**ADVISOR EDUCATION** - K-Kids advisors have access to interactive training that delivers the knowledge and resources needed to guide and mentor a successful K-Kids club. Whether you’re a new or experienced advisor, these training courses will enhance and strengthen your skills.  
*Note: All Kiwanis Advisors must have completed a KI-approved background check (valid for 2 years).*

**K-KIDS 101:** **COACH. MENTOR. ROLE MODEL.** - This education session is recommended for Kiwanis and faculty advisors who are new to their role. This 25-minute interactive experience explores how K-Kids works—and how the K-Kids advisor fits into that picture. The training also clarifies the learning outcomes of the K-Kids program.

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Time to Begin Planning End-Of-Year Kiwanis Awards Now

You know summer is winding down when the Ohio Kiwanis District Convention is almost upon us! It is also a reminder that there’s only a couple of months left before we start a new administrative year for Kiwanis.

Attending DCON means great forums, fun activities, Kiwanis recognitions and celebrations of a job well done this year – but don’t forget all the good food and fellowship. If you are attending this year’s DCON, be sure to take time to attend the various ODKF forums – especially the Grants forum where one lucky attendee will be selected to win a mini-grant to bring home to their club. Should you not be the lucky winner at the Grants forum, all you need to do is attend the Annual Foundation Meeting & Brunch on Sunday, August 12th to have four more chances to bring home that mini grant for your club!

Throughout this year, I am sure your club has worked hard to make the Kiwanis experience fun and rewarding. With September 30th fast approaching, now is even a more crucial time to recognize and honor your retiring officers and outstanding members with one of several ODKF awards.

For club members celebrating 25 years or more in Kiwanis this year, consider presenting them with a Legion of Honor award. The Legion of Honor recognition is given at 25 years of membership and every five years after that. Those who have served in their communities through their Kiwanis membership (in one club or in several clubs) are invited to join one of our Legion of Honor Society Circles – Circles of Excellence, Leadership and Achievement. Honorees receive a pin and certificate. Clubs can purchase a Legion of Honor recognition or members who have accumulated the required number of years may purchase the honor themselves.

Over the years, I have built a collection of plaques and even gavels as a thank you for my service to Kiwanis as a club or district officer – all now sitting in a closet. Why not consider presenting a recognition that contributes to the Foundation to help further its efforts to support our Ohio Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians, but also comes with a plaque, a medal on a ribbon and a lapel pin to present to your honoree. One option is to present a Past International President’s Award to a retiring president/officer or Kiwanis member who has made an outstanding contribution to your Club or Community. This medal features the faces of all 5 Past International Kiwanis Presidents from Ohio – Edward Arras, Stanley E. Schneider, Don E. Williams, Walter G. Sellers and A. Alan Penn. Clubs might consider presenting the more prestigious International President Awards featuring the face of one of our last 4 International Presidents – Schneider, Williams, Sellers or Penn. Likewise, these awards come with plaque and medal to present the honoree.

Kiwanis Clubs interested in ordering such an honor for a member can go to odkf.org and check out our list of initiatives and campaigns under the “What We Do for Clubs” heading. Remember, not only does your club show appreciation for the member who has served as an officer or gone above and beyond to help make your community better, but it also encourages your other members that they too can make a difference as well and be recognized for their efforts. Everyone likes a “pat on the back” from time to time! So, show your members how that is done!
Hello Ohio Kiwanis,

I hope you all have been enjoying the summer months. It has definitely been a busy summer for Ohio Key Club. In June we held our trainer and summer board meeting. At our summer board meeting our district board started their committee work, as well as made some important decisions about our district for the coming service year. Our district service project was voted on. This service year we will be focusing on mental health awareness in our high schools. We also set our date for this year’s District Leadership Conference (DLC), March 13-15, Kiwanians are always welcome and we hope to see you there.

A few weeks later a small group of Ohio key clubbers headed off to Baltimore, Maryland for international convention (ICON). There, we met hundreds of Key Clubbers from across the country, attended many informative workshops, (one led by the Ohio District’s own Margaret Lee from Hilliard Darby Key Club) and elected the new international board, including 11 trustees, international vice president Kaitlin Cirillo from the New Jersey district and international president K’lena Schnak from the Nebraska-Iowa district. At ICON, two past lieutenant governors were recognized, as they received the Robert F. Lucas outstanding lieutenant governor award, Ryan Bolin and our current bulletin editor Lydia Booth. After convention we spent the day touring Charm City, from a boat tour around the inner harbor, to exploring the visionary art museum, and even ghost tour around historic Fells Point. The Ohio Key Clubbers had a blast. We are all looking forward to ICON 2020 in San Francisco, California.

I also just returned from leadcon in Indianapolis. A weekend event where governors and the new international board strategize for the service year, meet our international trustee and discuss issues and solutions within our organization. We also had the opportunity to tour the Kiwanis International headquarters. The Ohio District’s international trustee is Alexis Henry from the Florida District and our sister districts are Texas-Oklahoma and Kansas. I am looking forward to working alongside these leaders from across the country.

Right now the Ohio District Board is working hard planning our biggest district wide event of the service year for Key Clubbers all across Ohio, Fall Rally. With school coming back into session, Fall Rally is a great way to kick off the service year and get Key Clubbers excited about service. At Fall Rally students will have the opportunity to meet fellow Key Clubbers from across the state, learn more about our organization, hear from amazing speakers and have an all around amazing time. This year, Fall Rally will be held on October 27 at the Ohio State Student Union from 9:00-3:00 and the cost to attend for any member of the K-family is only $15. You won’t want to miss Secret Mission: Service, a spy filled Fall Rally 2019. Registration will be open on our website (ohkc.org) and sent to Key Clubs soon so stay tuned.

Greetings Ohio District Kiwanis!

I wanted to first say thank you all so much for your continuous support of your SLP programs, especially as your year is ending and are training new officers, please remember Circle K and how your clubs can work with us in the upcoming year! We are always eager and happy to help!

Just like many of you dedicated Kiwanians, we just got back from our international convention at the Magical Walt Disney World Resort. We had such a great time learning about all what it means to be a leader, voting on our new international board, meeting members from all across the world, and most importantly spending time with our Kiwanis Family. I wanted to say a special thank you to The University Kiwanis Club, The Oxford Kiwanis Club, and The Bowling Green Kiwanis Club for helping sponsor our 4 Circle K members to attend this life-changing event.

I also had the privilege to walk in the procession with Governor Faith for the Opening Session of Kiwanis International Convention, and let me just say that is an experience that I surely will not forget.

Ohio Circle K is gearing up for our Fall Rally, which will be on October 18-19 at Camp Berry in Findlay, Ohio. This is a super fun event for all our members to get them ready and excited for Circle K in the upcoming year!

I wanted to say thank you all again for your continuous support of Circle K and all your SLPs. I look forward to continue to work with all of you this year and please feel free to reach out!
Ohio Aktion Club members joined in a wide variety of activities at their annual Aktion Club Conference. Like any other conference, there were contests, workshops blending fun and education to the members and time for fellowship.

Here are some pictures of the day’s events. Be sure to look for details of the conference in the next Buckeye Bulletin.

**Aktion Conference 2019—Super Heroes in Aktion!**

*Creating super hero masks*

*Drum Circle activities*

*Past Governor Tom Crawford presented the Tom E. Crawford Award to the Aktion Club of Seneca County.*

*Officer training for incoming presidents and vice-presidents.*

*Mike Metzger featured in his own comic strip*

**Coming soon**: The Ohio Buckeye Bulletin will be sharing club events throughout future bulletins. If you want to share your upcoming event, please send a **brief** description with information to your website or a contact person for the event. Please see the example below. Announcements will be shared as space provides. Please send information to Sarah@ohiokiwanis.org or to Executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org

“**Dublin Kiwanis Golf Outing**— The Dublin Club is going to have its annual Four-person Golf Scramble on September 6 @ 2:00 pm @ Safari Golf Club in Powell. You can get an application @ dublinkiwanis.org. The Outing also includes dinner after the Outing including burgers, hot dogs and brats @ the Golf Club.”
The Coolest Dog in Mansfield

The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in June 2020. To celebrate, a committee was formed to determine a project. Committee members spoke to various individuals/organizations regarding needs in the community: Mansfield/Richland County Public Library; Area Beautification; Richland County Commissioner Marilyn John; City of Mansfield Parks and Recreation; Mansfield Art Center; RCDG meeting on Imagination District; Friendly House; Little Buckeye Children’s Museum; Rotary Club of Mansfield; Richland County Foundation; The New Store Board of Directors; and Kiwanis International. From these discussions, the committee chose four projects to present to the club. The club chose a mini-bus for Friendly House as the project.

The club has a long history with the Friendly House, going back to 1922 when Kiwanis members volunteered to repair and decorate the original Friendly House, a remodeled home on North Main Street. As a result of this long history and ongoing support, Friendly House is considered our legacy project. Since those early years, thousands of Kiwanis man-hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been contributed for equipment, land and building expansion, annual camperships, and for the annual Christmas Party. The need presented at this time was for two minibuses to serve primarily ages 3-13 and 14 and up students in Girls Club trips. Transportation is at capacity and, although there is room for the children at the Friendly House, children are being turned away due to lack of transportation. We decided to step up and help fill this need.

To raise the funds for the project, we held the Coolest Dog in Richland County Contest. One of our members attending District Convention last year learned of a similar contest held by the Columbus Club. We took that information and made a few changes for our own contest. The contest was launched with a press conference attended by many city, county and police officials, including Mansfield Police K-9 Denise. Entry fees were $10 per dog (10 votes) with additional votes costing $1 each. Club members and entrants were encouraged to promote their dogs and get votes using all means of social media. We promoted the competition by guest appearances on local radio shows, our Facebook page and website. Flyers were distributed by local veterinarians and pet supply stores. In the end, the online contest had 134 dogs entered and raised $15,541.

A celebration of the Coolest Dog was held on June 15, 2019 at the Phoenix Brewing Company. The winning dog, Homer, was awarded with a cash prize, gift baskets, a Phoenix Brewing Company ale named after him (Homer’s Big Head Odyssey Red Ale) and a custom collar made by Dazzle Hound. The minibus was presented for the first time, including pictures of the top ten dogs on the back of the bus. Proclamations were read by Mansfield Mayor Tim Theaker, County Commissioner Darryl Banks and State Representative Mark Romanchuk. Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Faith Levine also stopped by to participate in our celebration. Coolest Dog Homer was to pull a tennis ball to pick a random winner of a year of pet insurance that was donated by Parr Insurance, a club member. Homer was more interested in working the crowd and a youngster came forward to pick the winner. The minibus was then officially put into service with a ribbon cutting by the Richland Area Chamber and Economic Development followed by a christening with water balloons by the crowd.

In addition to the prizes awarded to the coolest dog, the second and third place dogs also received cash prizes and gift baskets. The top 10 dogs received a professional photo shoot. All prizes were donated by local businesses and veterinarians.

In addition to the money raised by the contest, the Phoenix Brewing Company is donating a portion of the proceeds from Homer’s ale sales from the celebration as well as $5 from sales of t-shirts. Thanks to the generosity of another sponsor, we were able to provide free pizza at the celebration. Between donations for pizza and a 50/50 drawing during the party, an additional $549 was raised for the project.

Although the Friendly House has a new mini-bus courtesy of the Coolest Dog and a partner, there is still need for another mini-bus. To help raise money for that bus, we will be holding a Purrfect Cat Contest in August and September. In many ways, the contest will be the same, but due to the more sophisticated nature of cats, they will have a wine named after them in conjunction with a local winery instead of a beer. We are looking forward to another successful event and hope to be able to provide the second minibus through our efforts.