Throughout this Kiwanis year, we have strived to “Grow GREAT Clubs” using the definition of “Great” as defined by Poly Lat, 2018-19 Kiwanis International President.

Grow Membership – We have had an overall District-wide increase in membership each month this year and, all but one division has had a net increase in membership year-to-date. As of August, we have added 5 new clubs.

Revitalize Kiwanis Image – Our clubs adopted the “Hedgehog” concept as we reach out to our communities. We know the “Why” behind Kiwanis as we follow the Six Objects of Kiwanis.

Enhance Kiwanis Education – Our Mid-Year Education Conference (MYEC) and District Convention had Key-Note Speakers that will potentially expand our circle of influence and programs in our communities.

Address relevant issues of our organization – We have added programs that support and stress retention for our new clubs and members.

Terminate dependence on membership dues/costs – We have started sponsorship programs which include non-Kiwanis participation in our Midyear Education Day and District Convention.

Thank you to each and every Kiwanis member, club, and my leadership team. You have grown Great clubs in the Great Ohio District. Let’s continue our efforts as we start Governor Tim’s year on October 1.

Yours in Kiwanis Service now and in the future

Governor Faith
Executive Director Notes

Finish Strong in 2019

With less than 30 days left in this Kiwanis administrative year here are ways to finish the year off strong and ensure a fast start to the new year in October.

Remember – reach out to those members that you haven’t seen in awhile or you are concerned are not going to renew their membership. Don’t just send them their dues invoice or an e-mail, call them or stop by and see them in person to let them know what is happening in your club let them know they are important and needed.

Submit Your Club Election Report – If you haven’t already submitted your on-line club election report please submit it as soon as possible. Even if you are keeping the same officers Kiwanis International and the Ohio District need to know that information. If you need assistance with submitting your Election report for the 2019-20 year please contact Sarah Roush at the district office, sarah@ohiokiwanis.org 614-848-5000 ext. 1, and she will help you. We need this information so we can communicate with your club during the year.

Train Your Club Officers – Make sure your 2019-20 Club President, Secretary and Treasurer have participated in Club Leadership Education and have all the resources they need to be successful. If they missed the in-person trainings the on-line Club President’s and Club Secretaries training is always available at the Kiwanis International Website along with other resources to help them with their roles. Here is a link to the Club Leaders Training area.

Evaluate and Plan – Hold a club or board retreat/planning meeting where you can discuss and evaluate the past year and work on developing a plan for the new year. Kiwanis club’s that take the time to do this are usually more successful.

Celebrate Success – Take time to celebrate the successes of the past year and recognize members and officers for their contributions to the club. Many clubs have a President’s Party or Installation Dinner. Make sure you plan something and make it special for everyone.

Jim Janosik
Club Strengthening
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At the fellowship luncheon of the 102nd Ohio District Kiwanis Convention we drew three winners for this years ASK Challenge. The Challenge was designed to allow individual club members to participate by performing one of six challenges. These challenges all revolved around inviting someone to a Kiwanis event, and the winners were given Kiwanis Store gift certificates.

I am pleased to report that with the assistance of Trustee Chuck Gugliuzza and his wife Emilia, the winners chosen were: Brian Whitt-Findlay Kiwanis ($100), Amy Daubenspeck-Ashland Kiwanis ($50), and Anne Stapley-Findlay Kiwanis ($25). Membership Coach, Rich Ulmes delivered the certificates to the happy recipients. Congratulations, and thank you to all who participated. It’s been an honor to be the Club Strengthening Chair this year, and I will continue to support the membership team and my replacement, Ron Lyness, for the 2019-20 Kiwanis year.
Help Us, Help Them

Are you looking for an easy and inexpensive opportunity to make a huge difference in your community?

Rob Seideman, Executive Director of the nonprofit, May We Help (www.maywehelp.org), was the luncheon speaker at the Ohio District Kiwanis meeting on August 10 in Huron, Ohio, and shared the impact their Adaptive Equipment Swaps are having in Greater Cincinnati.

Here’s some background: Most people with a disability have garages and basements full of adaptive equipment that they’re no longer using. Either they’ve outgrown the equipment, or their condition has evolved to the point that the equipment no longer suits their needs. But the equipment is too expensive to throw away, so it just sits there collecting dust!

Yet, there are just as many people who are desperate for that very equipment. For example, did you know that insurance only covers the cost of a new wheelchair once every five years? Kids are lucky to get six months out of a pair of tennis shoes, so how is a wheelchair supposed to last five years when kids grow as quickly as they do, let alone have a disability that also evolves over time!

That’s why May We Help started offering Adaptive Equipment Swaps!

Here’s how they work:

May We Help invites individuals and families to donate any equipment they no longer need. Then volunteers clean it up and get it ready for the swap. Then a swap is scheduled. May We Help schedules its swaps Sundays from 1-5 pm and has popcorn and beverages available, but anyone who wants to hold a swap of their own can arrange it however they like!

May We Help will provide a toolkit to get you started, including FAQ, a flyer you can use to promote the swap, a waiver, and phone/email support in case you have further questions.

May We Help held its first swap in March 2019 and 75 families went home with equipment, all free of cost! A second swap in July was equally successful, and volunteers from Kiwanis of Mariemont (Cincinnati area) volunteered. We also see volunteer opportunities for our local school Builders and Key Clubs as the swaps catch on throughout Ohio, then around the country, and ultimately around the world - wherever Kiwanis has a presence!

May We Help has already assisted a group in Canton, Ohio to organize its own swap, and is working with a group in Long Island to host one in their community too. Would your local Kiwanis club like to host a swap?

If so, email Brianne Wilkerson, May We Help’s program director at: workshop@maywehelp.org

More about May We Help: May We Help (MWH) is a game-changer for people with disabilities who are striving to become more independent and/or pursue a passion. The problem MWH clients face is that - in order to become more independent or pursue their passion - they require a device that isn’t available commercially, or they require a modification to an existing device. So, MWH’s team of volunteer engineers, industrial designers, inventors, doctors, therapists, and makers of all types design it for them! At no cost to the client.

Check out their website to request a device, volunteer or donate. Or visit them on Facebook, Instagram or at their makerspace at 7501 Wooster Pike Cincinnati, Ohio 45227.

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.
2019 District Convention Recap

The 2019 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention was held August 9-11, 2019 at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio. The convention kicked off with a pre-convention Golf Outing with Governor Faith on Thursday, August 8 where Kiwanians were challenged by the 18-hole championship golf course at Sawmill Creek Resort. Friday night attendees enjoyed a great dinner in the courtyard of the resort with a band and a magician. The Kiwanis Club of Sandusky hosted a Euchre Tournament to raise funds for Governor Faith’s First Family Project for 4-H Kamperships. With over 40 players participating the tournament raised over $170 for 4-H Kamperships and the Euchre Champion, Rita Corbin, from the Gahanna Kiwanis Club won $110.

Attendees participated in workshops on various Kiwanis topics and enjoyed their time on the shores of Lake Erie! The highlight of the Fellowship Luncheon on Saturday was the keynote address provided by Rob Seideman, the Executive Director for May We Help.

One of the most important duties of our delegates attending the district convention was the election of a leadership team for the 2019-20 Kiwanis Year. We are pleased to announce that Tim Cornelius of the Fairview Park Kiwanis Club, was elected to lead the district as Governor for the coming year.

The delegates had a choice between two excellent candidates for the office of Governor-elect, James Kaufman, a member of the West Toledo Kiwanis Club, and Brad Kunze, a member of the Bellefontaine Kiwanis Club. James Kaufman was elected as Governor Elect. James has served as a Lieutenant Governor, Chair of several district committees, and is a former Key Club and Circle K member. Our 2019-20 District Treasurer elected by the Delegates was Jim Janosik of the Worthington-Linworth Kiwanis Club. Jim served as a member of the Finance & Structure Committee in 2018-19 as well as Membership Club Strengthening Chair, is a past Lieutenant Governor and a past Key Club member.

There were three candidates for two positions on the Ohio District Finance and Structure Committee, Kelly Brown from the Dayton Kiwanis Club, James Minter from the Westerville Kiwanis Club, and Joyce Chan-Rhodes from the West Toledo Kiwanis Club. Kelly Brown and Joyce Chan-Rhodes were elected to serve on the 2019-20 Finance and Structure Committee.

Along with Tim Cornelius, James Kaufman, and Jim Janosik; Faith Levine of the I-NeXT and Dublin Kiwanis Clubs will continue serving on the Board as Immediate Past Governor and Lanton Lee, of the University, Columbus and Hilliard Kiwanis Clubs, will serve as Executive Director/District Secretary.

While there were no bylaw changes made this year, several Resolutions were adopted by the delegates; the most important of those was endorsing Past Governor Kip Crain and First Lady Becky; as candidate for Kiwanis International Trustee at the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis.

A special thank you everyone who supported the convention by purchasing an advertisement in the convention program and to our Convention sponsors, the Kiwanis Club of Bellevue, Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives, Kiwanis Club of Seneca County, Craig Smith, Faith Levine and Tim and Anne Cornelius. And a final thanks to the District Convention Planning Committee and all the Kiwanis clubs and members from Divisions 12 and 13 who contributed their time, talents and treasures to help make the convention a great event for our district.

Lanton Lee
Executive Director
Wilmington Kiwanis Club Celebrates Ruby Anniversary

On July 19 at Damon’s; the Wilmington Kiwanis Club celebrated their 40th Club Anniversary of service to Clinton County, the City of Wilmington & the World. Our Guest Speakers were Kiwanis Division 4 Lt. Governor Marcia Hudson of Kettering and Buckeye Girls State Governor Alexis Davis, from Blanchester High School.

The History of the club and various community service projects during the years was presented by Charter Members Fred Matthews & Mack Fife who are still members of our club. They shared that the Kiwanis Clubs of Miamisburg, Xenia, Washington Courthouse & Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada co-sponsored our club in 1979. The Wilmington Kiwanis Club is proud of being a part of the rich history of Wilmington and Clinton County by continuing our mission of Serving the Children of Clinton County, Wilmington & the World.

Members and guests of the Wilmington Kiwanis Club’s 40th Anniversary celebration.

You STUFFED the Bus!

As a Kiwanian, I should not be surprised by the generosity of other like-minded Kiwanis members, but I must say that I was overwhelmed by your support of Stuff the Bus Erie County. When governor Faith asked me about a local school supply drive, I was flattered that she chose this annual campaign sponsored by the Sandusky Mall, VacationLand Federal Credit Union and United Way of Erie County. Below is a breakdown of the generous donations that poured in during the 101st DCON at Sawmill Creek.

Glue Sticks=498, Glue Bottles=121, Rulers = 78, Scissors =82, Sets of Markers=153, Sets of Colored Pencils=60, Sets of Highlighters=49, Folders=217, Spiral Notebooks=249, Pens=347, Sets of Crayons=277, Reams of Loose Paper=85, Pencil Boxes=53, Pencil Pouches=15, Pink Erasers=154, Pencil Sharpeners=76, Binders=20, Binder Dividers=20, Backpacks=25, Paint Sets=20, Rolls of Tape=22, Snack Boxes=15, Sets of Index Cards=5, Calculators=3, Earbuds=1, Locker mirror=1, Stapler =1, Dry Erase Set=1, AND let’s not forget the 1,287 Pencils! A $250 check was also received to help purchase additional supplies for the six school districts we serve each school year.

The Stuff the Bus Committee is grateful for your contributions and is certain that you have helped “improve the world” for several hundred children! Please make sure to tell your club members that I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart!

All the Best to My Kiwanis Family!

Heather Gilchrist
Kiwanis Club of Sandusky & Co-Chair, Stuff the Bus Erie County
For the 2018-19 requirement to earn one of the Ohio District Interclub and Fellowship patches will be as follows:

**Clover Banner Patch:** In support of Governor Levine’s 4-H Clubs project, for the 2018-2019 year, a clover banner patch will be awarded to any club who hosts a 4-H club to a Kiwanis meeting, fundraiser, or project.

**Blue Banner Patch:** Interclub with five clubs within your division and interclub at one division council meeting.

**Silver Banner Patch:** Interclub with five clubs within your division, interclub for two projects or fundraisers, interclub at two division council meetings, and interclub at one district event.

**Gold Banner Patch:** Interclub with five clubs within your division, interclub at each division council meeting during the year, interclub at district convention AND Mid-Year Education Day, interclub at International convention.

**Attendance requirement:** Clubs of 30 members or more, four members are necessary. Clubs with 20 to 30 members, three or more members are necessary. For clubs with 20 or less members, two members are necessary.

**Who can be counted beside Current members?** current Lt. Gov., current division officers, current district officers, and current International officers. Only one person from this list may be counted towards an interclub in addition to your club members present.

**What constitutes an interclub:** An interclub is earned when your club, with the necessary number of members, is in attendance for another clubs’ meeting, fundraiser, project, or social event.

**What counts as Kiwanis K-Family:** Kiwanis clubs, Circle K, Key club, Builders club, Aktion clubs, Kiwanis Kids, Internet club, Key Leader, and division, district and international events.

Please contact me with the details of your interclub activities including dates, club function, and number of your club members present by Oct. 15, 2019. Banner patches will be awarded at the 2020 Mid Year Education Day.

Later this month on Saturday September 28th our Ohio District Kiwanis Family will meet for a Tri-K Event in Cleveland, Ohio. A noon luncheon at Hilton Garden Inn, will begin the event followed by a in house group Service Project.

At 5 pm, Kiwanians, guests and family members will be received at the 100th Bomb Group, a short distance from the Hilton. There will be a cash bar/social hour until 6 pm when the evening activities begin.

All Kiwanis members, friends and family are invited to support and celebrate the new incoming Ohio District board, Committee Chairs, and Lt. Governors.

Additional information and banquet reservations can be made on-line www.kiwanis.org.

Deadline for room reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn is September 12th. Deadline for dinner reservations for the 100 Bomb Group by September 18th.

Hope to see you there,
Tim and Anne Cornelius
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At the Membership Table there were a variety of information or tools which many people had not seen before. The booklet on Tools for Success (Achieving Club Excellence) ACE is a great tool for addressing any concerns a club may have. It will refer to a Member Satisfaction Survey or Survey Monkey to access where your club members interests are in relation to your club. It is a good idea to have a survey every two years or sooner. Rediscovering Your Community, Analyzing Your Impact, Club Scorecard, Conducting an Open House, and Celebrating Your Success are all included in this publication. Each tool is available on-line at kiwanis.org/ACE Tools.

Congratulations to Divisions 2, 10W, 11N, 15, and 22 for exceptional net growth, and Columbus, Lancaster, Mount Vernon, and Coldwater for having the largest club net growth. Every Club should have a Membership Chair, and a new member orientation before inducting them into their club.

There is just a month left in this Administrative Year so retention of existing members and increasing your club size is very important.

We are having a strong year. Our year end goal is to finish the year with a minimum of + 1 net membership or more for each club. Using the ACE Tools will help create more members, and that means more service to the children in your communities. A strong finish will enable the Ohio Membership to grow from “Good to Great.”

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**Key Leader**
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**Exciting News: Key Leader 2019**
Celebrating 15 Years of Servant Leadership Education for High-School-Aged Students!

Another fun and informational Key Leader event is planned for November 15-17, 2019 at Recreation Unlimited. As in past years, there are many interesting activities and thought-provoking discussions on the agenda for the weekend. Information on all things Key Leader can be found at www.ohiokiwanis.org/page/44006.

The Ohio District Key Leader team is really excited about this upcoming event for many reasons. One of those is that the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund has provided the Ohio District with a grant that has allowed registration costs to be lowered significantly. The student registration cost has gone from $250 all the way down to the original (15 years ago) cost of $175! The Student Facilitator registration fee has decreased by 50%, down to only $100. Why are we excited about this? We believe that this is easier for students, families, and Kiwanis Clubs to afford so that more students can be a part of this servant leadership education weekend.

What else is exciting? There are now even more opportunities for your club, business and family to get involved. Of course, sponsoring students directly is the most important way to help. Another easy and affordable option is to make a designated donation to Key Leader through the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation’s Key Leader Fund. Be sure to include a memo or note to designate these funds specifically. Finally, there are now sponsorship opportunities that will allow you to have your name attached to a specific part of the Key Leader weekend. You can sponsor a meal, the Saturday evening social, low-ropes course, and more. Please review the sponsorship options for your best fit. Partial sponsorships are also welcome. All funds stay in the Key Leader fund and are used as you designate. Special thanks to Leedership Consulting and Division 11-N for making their commitments early. Please contact us at any time to discuss sponsorships, student participation or your chance to chaperone the event. We can’t wait to hear from you! Co-chairs: Brian and Kelly Shaffer ohiokeyleader@gmail.com or Site Coordinator Brian Yacucci byacucci@cinci.rr.com

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