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 3. Do not type headlines in upper case.
 4. Do not indent any part of the article and do not use "bullets, etc.
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District Secretary's Report

Dave Whiteman,
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The 2009-10 Kiwanis year is now two months old and we are seeing many clubs enthusiastically providing service to their communities. Please make membership growth a priority in your club to insure that your community continues to have benefit of Kiwanis Service in the future. I would just like to take a moment to update you on a few topics of interest.

Club Treasurers

As a long-time Club Treasurer, I always try to be aware of changes that have occurred or changes that will be occurring in the near future. Two weeks ago I participated in a Webinar put on by Kiwanis International Staff entitled "IRS Forms Filing and Reporting – US". It was exceptionally well done and another example how your dues dollars are being put to work. I would highly recommend that you go to the Kiwanis Website at www.kiwanisone.org. When you get there, type "Webinar Archive" in the Search box at the top right and view the recording of the webinar as it was presented. How many of you are aware that every Kiwanis club, no matter how large or small, must file either a Form 990, a Form 990-EZ, or a Form 990-N? If you view this webinar, you will be and while you are at it, let your fellow club members know that there are webinars available for viewing regarding a number of important topics.

Club Secretaries

At our Mid Year Education Day on March 13, 2010, I will be presenting a workshop to review your concerns with the changes made on the Monthly Report and also to give you information about the new functions you will have available on the KiwanisOne Reporting system. In late January, it is intended that you will have the ability to add, delete, and modify your membership records online without sending hard copy change requests to Kiwanis International in Indianapolis. We will be reviewing changes in the system during the workshop at Mid Year. We have scheduled two separate sessions to insure that you have an opportunity to attend one or the other. Please make every effort to attend.

Mid Year Education Day

Our 2010 Mid Year Education Day will take place on March 13, 2010 at The Conference Center at NorthPointe. Information and registration forms can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. We know you will want to join us when we meet next March. Watch your mailbox (and our district website) for additional information on the 2010 Mid Year Education Day Workshop Schedule. Mark your calendars!



Governor

Don Parker,
dparker2@columbus.rr.com

By the time you read this First Lady Carol and I will have completed official visits to 19 of the 27 divisions in the Ohio District of Kiwanis. The hospitality and warmth shown to us during these visits will provide very pleasant lasting memories. We have made new Kiwanis friends and renewed friendships throughout the district in the past two months.

As expected, we have learned of the service that Kiwanis clubs are providing to their communities and the children both near and far. We have heard of projects that are repeated in communities all over the Kiwanis world. And, we have learned of some new and unusual projects that are not so common but which have great significance in the local community. We have laughed, shared stories, sang (although not well in my case), enjoyed entertainment and benefitted from the company of sponsored program participants (Key Club and Circle K).

In my prepared remarks, I have attempted to draw attention to the needs in the membership growth area. Declining membership and loss of clubs causes a decline in the hands available to do the great service work of Kiwanis. I am asking all Kiwanis members to help develop and implement a club membership growth plan so that our clubs can continue to meet the identified needs of the local community and to help meet the needs of children on both a local and global scale.

I also speak of the need to develop local marketing and branding plans so that word of the good work gets spread on the local level. Large scale projects, sometimes in partnerships with other organizations and groups can bring strong and beneficial attention to Kiwanis.

Sponsored leadership programs also receive some of my attention as I address attendees of these official visits. Kiwanis is unique in having sponsored programs for youth from elementary through college. Again, local Kiwanis clubs are the source of sponsorship, assistance in planning and completing projects, and fellowship across the generations.

As you may have noticed, I fully understand that all Kiwanis work is done by the members, individually and collectively, of the local club. The Kiwanis International elected leaders and professional staff exist to serve the local clubs. Those services include leadership education, material resources, assistance in membership growth planning and activities, and promotion on a global scale. The Ohio District elected leaders and professional staff exist for nearly the same purposes. Planning and delivering district events and services to help local club leaders and members become more effective in their roles are among the primary activities of district leaders and staff. Club leaders and members should feel comfortable in requesting and utilizing the resources that their International and District dues provide.

As District Governor, it is my pleasure to serve you, the members of Kiwanis. I intend to continue to visit, observe, share, and promote. I plan to continue to recognize those who "Do Something" through Kiwanis to improve the lives of children and to meet needs of our communities.

Thank you for all "YOU" are doing.

Key Clubbers Drive to Help Needy

The Athens High School Key Club, co sponsored by the Athens Kiwanis Club and the Downtown Athens Kiwanis Club held a Coats for Kids and a canned food drive. Homerooms were considered teams and points were given for each item collected.

Over 4,256 food items and 586 new and gently used children's coats were collected by the students and staff at Athens High School.

Thank you to the Athens Messenger for use of photo.





Do you need new members for your club? Does your club need revitalization? How about ideas for new service projects or for fundraising? You can find helpful information for your club by attending Mid-Year Education Day!

The Ohio District Mid-Year Education Day is Saturday, March 13, 2009 at the Conference Center at NorthPointe 9243 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035. Many of you know this as the former Nationwide Training Center at Green Meadows on Rt. 23 at Polaris Parkway. I am excited to report that for lunch you will select from an extensive buffet featuring everything from soups and salads to pizza, deli bar, carving station, and of course, a variety of scrumptious desserts. Also available throughout the day, you will have your choice of coffee, tea, juice, or colas and a selection of snacks including fruit, pastries, and even homemade peanut butter. You won't go away hungry!

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with an opening session featuring a Keynote Speaker who has a PASSION for Kiwanis. Mike Frailey, 2005-2006 Past Governor from Pennsylvania, will inspire us to increase our membership so that we can provide more service to our communities. There will be forums to provide you with the tools needed to reach your club's membership goals. We will break for lunch at noon and then reconvene for sessions from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. In the afternoon you will have the opportunity to select forums such as Fun and Fellowship in your club, Leadership Development, Projects for large and small clubs concerning YCPO, Kiwanis One Day, and How to attain Club Excellence. There will be sessions for the club secretary and other club officers. This will be a HIGH ENERGY DAY!

There will also be time for viewing the Exhibit Tables, playing games with our youth, and fellowship moments in a comfortable lounge. Partners, the Polaris Mall is not far away.

The registration fee is \$60 for those who register by February 12th. This includes lunch and all breaks. You will find the form in this newsletter or you can **register online at www.ohiokiwanis.org**. You will also find the form for Room Reservations if you choose to spend the night. You must make these room reservations directly through The Conference Center.



Kiwanis One Day is April 10, 2010.



Kiwanis Clubs along with Service Leadership clubs across the globe will join together to perform service on

this special Saturday. *How is your club going to get involved?*

1. **Regional Projects:** The Ohio District is planning regional projects for all levels of the Kiwanis Family to be involved. For example, at the Ohio District Key Club Convention, Kiwanians are invited to get involved with the Key Clubbers' walkathon to support the Make A Wish Foundation at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus on April 10th. We are looking for ideas for all regions of the District. If you have ideas or are interested in leading a regional project, please contact, Jennifer DeFrance at jldefrance@gmail.com or 330-591-8388.

2. **Enter the One Day Video Contest:** Make sure your impact on Kiwanis One Day is captured: enter the Kiwanis One Day Video Contest (www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=209) today! Your club can win a video or magazine story feature about your club's project. Contest entry is a quick link on the right of the page. Entries are now due February 15. Feel free to contact either me or Jo Lynn Garing, PR Manager (jgaring@kiwanis.org or 800-549-2647, ext. 171), with any questions.

3. To get more ideas, support materials, and press releases for your club's Kiwanis One Day, visit www.kiwanis.org under the Service Projects area.

Your club's projects Center Stage

Check out Kiwanis International's storytelling site, **Center Stage** (www.kiwanis.org/centerstage), where your best projects become Kiwanis' best stories.

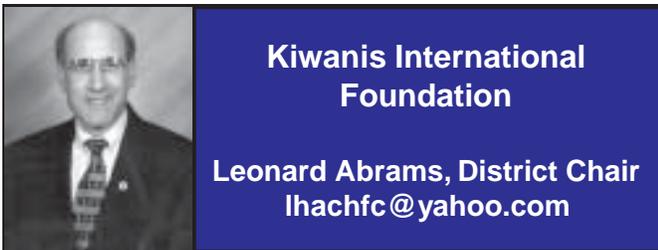
If you have a project you think should be featured on Center Stage, please **e-mail** (centerstage@kiwanis.org) us today.

Decking the Halls - and Wheels?



Approximately 30 members of the Hilliard Davidson Key Club and their Kiwanis advisor, First Lady Carol Parker, spent a Friday after school putting colorful and festive holiday decorations on the wheelchairs and walkers of some of the residents of Arbors nursing center of Hilliard.

The decorations delighted the residents, but more important was the interaction between the key clubbers and the residents. Good conversation across the generations had everyone laughing and enjoying the activity.



It's time to think about your club's participation in support of Kiwanis International Foundation's Annual Gift Campaign. Why do we have this annual drive? It's to help the Foundation fund the many projects that are larger than our individuals, their clubs or their districts.

The goal is to think in terms of averaging a gift of \$5 per member. Is that a difficult target to attain? Consider a club with 30 members and a service/welfare budget of \$10,000. An average gift of \$5 per member would be only \$150. That's 1.5% of the service/welfare budget and means that 98.5% of the funds the club raised stay in the community. Please consider making a gift within your club that meets this goal. The children of the world, as well as those in each community, are depending on us.

If you have questions or need help please do not hesitate to call me at 330-465-4690 or reach me at lhachfc@yahoo.com. Thanks again for all your past support and let's reach new heights in 2010.

New Investment Advisor for ODKF

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation approved a new investment advisor at the December board meeting. According to the Foundation board, six potential financial advisors gave a 45 minute presentation along with details for proposed portfolio, fees and reporting capabilities. The board unanimously selected Morgan Keegan and Company, Inc. According to the search committee and board members, they were very impressed with information provided by Morgan Keegan and Company. In particular a comprehensive financial document will be created for each club advised fund account providing information about the investment of their fund.

Search for an investment advisor occurred after approval of the revised investment policy approved in July by the Foundation board.

Kiwanis clubs interested in more information regarding Club Advised Funds should contact Jean Forbes at secretary@odkf.org or Ted Coons at info@odkf.org.

Please send me information from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation regarding:

- Ambassador's Program
- Annual Club Birthday Fund
- Pediatric Trauma Fund
- Past International President's Fund
- Ohio Kiwanis Endowment Society
- Don Williams Award
- Stan Schneider Award
- Walter Sellers Award
- KICK Program
- Make a Difference Day Organization
- First Lady's Project - Pediatric Trauma
- Grant Application
- Club Advised Fund Program
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fax _____

**Mail to: Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation
PO Box 1013, Wooster, Ohio 44691**

OHIO KIWANIS MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY

March 13, 2010

The Conference Center at NorthPointe
9243 Columbus Pike
Lewis Center, OH 43035

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME:(L, F, MI): _____ Member # _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____ / _____ / _____

CLUB: _____ DIV: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: (____) _____ - _____

PARTNER(L, F, MI): _____

Note: If partner is a Kiwanis member please use separate form.

BADGE NAMES(FIRST): _____

Member

Partner

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird Registration (includes lunch and all breaks) \$60 X _____ = \$ _____

Service Leadership Members (includes lunch and all breaks) \$60 X _____ = \$ _____

Registration postmarked after February 12th and all on-site registration) \$70 X _____ = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Note: Food guarantee must be made to hotel 96 hours prior to time of the event. **Please let us know in advance of the deadline, if you will be registering on site.** Mail this registration form with your payment payable to:

Ohio District Kiwanis
6161 Busch Blvd., Suite 220
Columbus, Ohio 43229-2554

If you wish to fax the registration form, you may do so at (888) 397-4457. For added security, we would ask that you please call after faxing and give us your Mastercard or Visa information. We use a Fax over Internet service and we do not want to keep your credit card information in any electronic format. We will destroy your credit card information as soon as the charge is placed.

You may register online at www.ohiokiwanis.org. By registering at <https://www.eventville.com/catalog/eventregistration1.asp?eventid=1006331> you can use all major credit cards including Discover and American Express. Charges placed through the office must be Mastercard or Visa.

** A full refund is available up to the date of guaranteed meal counts (Tuesday at noon). After that date, refunds are available only in the event of severe illness, hospitalization or death of registrant.*

Ohio District Kiwanis Mid Year Education Day



Room Reservation Information

The Conference Center at NorthPointe 1-866-233-9393

The 2010 Mid Year Education Day will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at The Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center, Ohio. The Conference Center is located very near the Polaris Fashion Place, Central Ohio's premier shopping destination with many specialty retail shops and restaurant choices.

For those who wish to arrive on Friday evening, reservations can be made at The Conference Center at NorthPointe for the following Special Rates:

Room cost per night - \$130.00 Double Room (2 Queen Size Beds and separate Sitting Area)

\$109.00 Single Room (1 Queen Size Bed)

Both of the above rates are subject to 12.75 % State and Hotel Taxes.

Rooms go fast, so be sure to make your reservations early! Be sure to mention that you are with **Ohio District Kiwanis** when making your reservations to guarantee this rate.

Check-in time is 4:00 PM and Check-out is at 12:30 PM. The phone number for reservations is 1-866-233-9393.

For further information on The Conference Center at NorthPointe go to their website at www.conferencecenteratnorthpointe.com.

Driving Directions to The Conference Center at NorthPointe:

9243 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

Phone: 1-866.233.9393 Fax: 614.880.4167

Northbound: I-71 North from Downtown Columbus: Exit 121 (Polaris Pkwy). Turn left (West over I-71). Continue on Polaris Parkway, which becomes Powell Road. After passing Green Meadows Drive, the conference center is on the left. (Located on the Southeast corner of Polaris Parkway/Powell Road and Route 23).

Southbound: I-71 South from Cleveland: Exit 121 (Gemini Place). Follow the signs to 750 West. Turn right onto 750 West (Polaris Parkway). Continue on Polaris Parkway, which becomes Powell Road. After passing Green Meadows Drive, the conference center is on the left. (Located on the Southeast corner of Polaris Parkway/Powell Road and Route 23).

From Columbus via Hwy 23: Located north of I-270, continue to Powell Road (Hwy. 750), and turn right. The main entrance to the conference center is the 2nd driveway on the right side.



WE'RE REGISTERED FOR INTERNATIONAL - HOW ABOUT YOU?

Have you registered yet for the 2010 Kiwanis International convention in exciting Las Vegas, Nevada? If not, you still have time to do so between now and January 31, 2010, during which time you also receive an additional \$55 off your registration fees.

The convention promises to be an exciting one. All meetings will take place at the Las Vegas Convention center, and our host hotel for the Ohio District is the Paris-Las Vegas, which is directly across the street from the beautiful Bellagio. The Bellagio features the dancing waters (to music), along with a great conservatory that changes costumes with the seasons; and also a wonderful art museum with a rotating gallery of events.

At the Paris-Las Vegas, there are several exciting places to eat and shop, including a fantastic gourmet buffet and exterior dining on the large patio overlooking the Las Vegas strip. You can also ride in the Eiffel Tower elevator for a breathtaking view of Las Vegas, at a cost of \$10 during the day; and \$15 after 7 p.m.

But these items only supplement the great Kiwanis International convention agenda. It includes such optional features as Key Leader for adults; a Fellowship breakfast on Thursday morning and a Leadership luncheon on Friday; plus a Worldwide Service Project luncheon on Saturday. Entertainment-wise, tickets for Jay Leno's presentation on Friday night at 8 p.m. are \$40 each; and a Saturday night great event is Cirque du Soleil at 7 p.m. at the MGM.

So get registered now, and plan to attend not only International convention, but come to Mid Year convention in March. Get in on the Las Vegas drawings there, and get all kinds of get - a - way information.



A Note on Lodging for the Kiwanis International Convention

As I have traveled the Ohio District this fall, I have on several occasions been asked why the Ohio District has been assigned to the most expensive hotel at the upcoming Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas. I have been assured that district hotel assignments are done more or less at random. The Ohio delegation is expected to be large and thus needed to be in a hotel with a large room block available for the dates of the convention.

I have also been advised that Ohio attendees may choose from among any of the hotels listed on the convention registration information and receive the rates quoted. I was told that the Bally's Hotel is adjacent to the Paris Hotel and offers lower rates for the convention.

The bottom line is that I want you to attend the convention. You have a choice about lodging. I have been told by those who know that the Paris Hotel is very nice and if you choose to stay there you will be very comfortable. However, there are less expensive lodging options so please just register to attend the convention and choose the lodging that best suits your needs.

Don Parker, Governor

Annual Ohio District Kiwanis Golf Outing

Mark the date - Wednesday and Thursday, July 14 & 15, 2010.

Sponsors are being sought for the Golf Outing and include:

- * Hole Sponsorships - only \$100;
- * Preferred Hole Sponsorships - \$175;
- * Par Sponsorship - \$250;
- * Birdie Sponsorship - \$500;
- * Eagle Sponsorship - \$750; and
- * Double Eagle Sponsorship - \$1000

All sponsorships include signage and dinner program recognition. Some sponsorships include golfing and dinner as well. For more information, contact Randy Beard at 330-856-6200.

All sponsorships are tax exempt to the extent allowed by the IRS. Proceeds from the Ohio District Kiwanis Golf Outing go to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Common Billing Date

During the 2009 Kiwanis International Convention, the House of Delegates approved a common billing date for dues, which will be effective October 2010 for all U.S. Districts, Western Canada District, and Eastern Canada & Caribbean District.

The important thing to know is the changes will be effective **October 1, 2010**, not 2009. Prior to the change, we will provide additional information regarding the common billing date schedules.

In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact Member Services at 800-KIWANIS (800-549-2647- TOLL FREE for U.S. & Canada) or 1-317-875-8755 **ext. 411**, or email memberservices@kiwanis.org if you have questions.

Brief Overview

Clubs organized between September 1 and December 31 (Billing Group 1):

Year 2010-11

- Payment based on club roster as of September 30, 2010
- Due October 1, 2010
- Payable no later than November 30, 2010

Clubs organized between January 1 and April 30 (Billing Group 2):

Year 2010-11

- Payment based on club roster as of September 30, 2010
- Due December 1, 2010
- Payable no later than January 31, 2011

Year 2011-12

- Payment based on club roster as of September 30, 2011
- Due October 1, 2011
- Payable no later than November 30, 2011

Clubs organized between May 1 and August 31 (Billing Group 3):

Year 2010-11

- Payment based on club roster as of September 30, 2010
- Due February 1, 2011
- Payable no later than March 31, 2011

Year 2011-12

- Payment based on club roster as of September 30, 2011
- Due December 1, 2011
- Payable no later than January 31, 2012

Year 2012-13

- Payment based on club roster as of September 30, 2012
- Due October 1, 2012
- Payable no later than November 30, 2012



Kiwanis Kids are growing! As of this issue of the Ohio District Newsletter, 7 new K-Kids have been chartered. This is outstanding since the Kiwanis year is only a little over 2 months along. Lt. Governors, please continue to encourage your club presidents and the Service Leadership Program Chairs to contact the organizations dealing with youth and schools in their districts and inform them of the wonderful opportunities Kiwanis Kids programs offer to their young people.

In fact, a whole division could become involved with the Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs. Division 1N is doing this by actively partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs in their division. Individual clubs are doing this, but a whole division to participate is very unusual. Division 14 reports that they have 4 B.U.G. Programs now up and running. This is certainly a wonderful way to start the Kiwanis year.

Unfortunately on a sad note, levy failures are affecting K-Kids Clubs in some school districts. The Boards of Education may decide to eliminate all clubs in their entire systems. Sponsoring Kiwanis clubs may have to come up with creative ideas to help keep these K-Kids viable. The service, good works and leadership skills that they build are too important to lose.

Our work is cut out for us. We have to keep working to build new Service Leadership Programs and we have to continue providing our support for the ones in existence.

World Service Medal nominations due Feb. 1

Kiwanis International is accepting nominations for the 2010 World Service Medal. Kiwanis clubs, past medal recipients and organizations with the endorsement of a Kiwanis Club may nominate an individual, organization or agency that enhances the quality of life for many people in a significant way.

More information, along with nomination forms, can be found online at www.kiwanis.org/wsm.



concepts of personal growth, integrity, respect, building community, and the pursuit of excellence. Afterwards, they relaxed with s'mores at the fireplace. A great weekend was had by all!

Fall Key Leader: Another Success!

Seventy-two students from all over Ohio convened at Recreation Unlimited during the weekend of November 13-15 for a unique leadership experience. Led by Brendan Burchard, students explored the five facets of service leadership and learned how to become the leaders in their communities. These students, along with fifteen adult volunteers, enjoyed a weekend of fabulous weather, allowing for some quality time outdoors. Highlights included a variety of physical team challenges on the camp's low ropes course. Young Key Leaders truly put their best feet forward as they encouraged one another to achieve their personal best and worked together to meet the challenges presented to them. They enjoyed the opportunity to climb an 8-foot-high wall with no equipment, squeeze themselves into a large wooden box (and then get out of it), traverse a tightrope, and fall from a platform into the group's waiting arms. On Saturday night, the group entertained one another by performing skits based on their choice of service leadership principles. They explored the recently discussed



Key Leader networking



Students discuss what they consider to be ideal traits of a leader



Working on "homework"

The Ohio Key Leader team would like to thank thirty-two Kiwanis Clubs for their sponsorship of these students from thirty-five different high schools around Ohio. We are grateful for your generous support of this outstanding program. You, too, can be a Key Leader sponsor in the future. The next opportunity will come this spring, April 30 – May 2, 2010. Now is the time to begin recruiting your future Key Leaders. Your club will be receiving a mailing from the Key Leader staff at Kiwanis International in January. Please use these materials to promote this event to your club and high-school students in your community.

Contact us at ohiokeyleader@gmail.com or visit www.key-leader.org for information.



Membership Growth

Bill Snellgrove, District Chair
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Close The Back Door

“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time”. The clubs in our district live up to this – we are the best service organization in the world. Your clubs are making a difference in your community. The only way to maintain this service, and grow it, is to reverse the decline in membership most of our clubs have seen. This must be done for EACH of our clubs – IT MUST be done for us all.

It starts with a club growth plan. The plan has to have goals, action plans to meet those goals, who will act on those plans and when the plans will be implemented. One of the first goals should be membership retention. We worked hard to bring in members – we need to retain those who joined – ‘To close The Back Door’.

There is information available from KI to help you. *Achieving Club Excellence* describes a seven step process to retention and growth: Commit to excellence, Assess club vitality, Plan your club’s success, Share your story, Inform members, Welcome new members – meet their needs and Enhance the member experience.

Best Practices of Non-Traditional Clubs also offers good plans and advice: Make service hands-on, Mix social & service, Build a tight leadership structure, Use many forms of communication and Know your product. These are found at www.kiwanisone.org or email me.

These process ideas offer good advice that is often forgotten. Hands on projects are fun and build friendships. How vital is your club? Are members involved? Are changes needed? Keep members involved in projects and encourage participation in leadership, let members know you care about them – meet their needs and make membership a positive experience. Turn club members into Kiwanians.

Closing the back door puts you and your club on its first step toward growth. I know you can do it. The growth of **your club** is important – important to **your community**. As Governor Don has said: “It’s time- to do something.” We are in this together.

Nominations for Board Members of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

Kiwanians who are interested in being elected to the Board of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation should be endorsed by their club and division. A form for submitting this information can be obtained from Jean Forbes at secretary@odkf.org or Kip Crain, nominations chair, at kcrain@wccsc.org. These forms are to be returned to Kip Crain by February 15, 2010, for the election in August, 2010.

All Kiwanians in Ohio are members of the Foundation and eligible to be elected to the Board. The Bylaws provide that not more than two (2) elected directors may be from any one division of the Ohio District.

The Board of the Foundation is responsible for the policies, fundraising activities, grants and investments of the Foundation. There are at least six meetings each year. Jean Forbes can be contacted for further information at the email specified above.

SAVE THE DATE – To Grow Your Club

All interested members are invited to a **GROWTH SUMMIT** in your area. Governor Don Parker has arranged opportunities for Kiwanis Clubs throughout the state to receive practical ideas and education to grow your membership through new members, membership retention and new club building.

Our clubs do spectacular service in our communities. But each of our clubs could use more members to continue this service – and many communities not presently served need Kiwanis service. Will you join us?

Five summits are planned across Ohio. They are:

- Northwest (Divisions 1-N, 1-S, 2, 11-N & 12) Jan. 12th
- Southwest (Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8) Jan. 13th
- Central/Southeast (Divisions 9, 10-W, 10-S, 10-E, 11-S & 18) Jan. 16th
- Cleveland Area (Divisions 13, 14, 15, 22 and 24) Jan. 16th
- Akron/Canton/Youngstown Area (Divisions 16, 17, 20, 21 and 25) Jan. 27th

The weekday meetings will start at approximately 6:00 or 6:30 PM. The Saturday meetings will start at 8:00 or 9:00 AM. Details as to exact time, location and contact information for reservations will be available January 3rd. Plan to attend a growth Summit near you.

Spread the word throughout your club and division. Save The Date!



Interclub & Fellowship

Glenda Phillabaum
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Builders Club

Suzanne Lemak
District Chair
suz12317@yahoo.com

INTERCLUB & FELLOWSHIP

K.I.S.S.

KIWANIS INTERCLUBBING IS SOMETHING SPECIAL

This year I have the honor of serving as your District Interclub & Fellowship Chair. It is my aim to encourage each club to Interclub with the clubs in their Division and to Interclub at all Division, District, and International events.

What constitutes as an Interclub?

An interclub is earned when your club, with the right number of members in attendance, attends another Kiwanis Club meeting, event, or a Kiwanis Family Club meeting or event.

The attendance requirement needed to qualify as an Interclub:

If your club has *30 or more members*, at least four members are required.

If your club has *20 to 30 members*, at least three members are required.

If your club has *less than 20 members*, at least two members are required.

Clubs with 30 or more members may count the current Lt. Governor, a District Officer, a Division Officer, or an International Officer as a member of your club to complete the 4 or 3 members needed. Clubs with less than 20 members may not use one of the above officers to complete the 2 member requirement..

This year the requirements to receive one of the K.I.S.S. banner patches:

Blue Level: Interclub with each club within your Division, and at one Division Council Meeting.

Silver Level: Interclub at each club within your Division, at two Division Events, at two Division Council Meetings, and one District Event.

Gold Level: Interclub with each club within your Division, at each Division Council Meeting, at the Mid Year Education Day, at the District Convention, at The Governor's Official Division Visit, and at the International Convention.

Please keep a record of your interclub activities and submit to me in October 2010.

If I can be of service to you and your club, in any way this year, please contact me by email.

Kiwanis Builders Clubs are young leaders making a difference and building a positive future! We had a great start this Kiwanis year, with the opening of two Builders Clubs in the Ohio District:

Hillside Middle School sponsored by the Parma Area Morning Kiwanis Club

Grant Middle School sponsored by the Marion Kiwanis Club

Another Kiwanis Club is considering sponsoring a Community Builders Club in a church. What a unique way to unite youth from different schools to help their community.

I am also in contact with a Key Club President who is in the process of starting a Builders Club in a Junior High school in her town. This young lady has talked to the Principal of the school, has visited the local Kiwanis Club and has ordered and received the Starter Kit from Kiwanis International. I am proud of our Service Leadership Program Leaders who are stepping forward to Make a Difference.

RENEWAL FEES: It is that time of year for Kiwanis Clubs who sponsor Builders Clubs to send in Renewal Fees to Kiwanis International. Renewal letters were mailed out to club secretaries by Kiwanis International. To complete the online form go to www.buildersclub.org and click on Club Renewal Center on the left. Passwords are no longer used, so you just need to know the Builders club's ID number.

Annual membership kits.

Once the \$150.00 Annual Renewal Fee is paid, Kiwanis International will mail to the Builders Clubs:

Up to 50 membership pins, cards, certificates and fall Builders Club magazines

Two advisor and one president, vice president, treasurer and secretary pin

Two posters

2009-10 resource CD, contest information and supply order form if need more than 50 items

If you have any questions about starting a Builders Club please contact me. As Franklin D. Roosevelt said "We cannot always build the Future for our Youth, but we can build our Youth for the Future".



Community Services

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DO SOMETHING...TO SERVE OTHERS!!

I hope you and your family had a great Thanksgiving. My family and I had a great Thanksgiving of food and fellowship. And we gave thanks for so many reasons.

At this time of year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, there are many ways to serve others in our communities. And our communities need Kiwanians to **DO SOMETHING NOW!** I encourage each of you to Do Something to serve someone else. There are people in need throughout the Ohio District; family, friends, neighbors, and even other Kiwanians. These needs cover a broad range; food, shelter, clothing, someone to talk to who will listen, a word of encouragement, the sound of a Christmas carol, or a comforting hug. The list of needs is long and we Kiwanians can help meet the needs of our communities.

Here are ideas for Community Services during this holiday season:

- Collect items at Kiwanis meetings, then give them

away-cans of food, paper towels, toilet paper, coats, gloves, stocking caps, money, signed Christmas cards

- Serve meals at a homeless shelter
- Visit a nursing home and talk to people
- Sing Christmas carols in neighborhoods, at local businesses (like a restaurant), at a hospital or nursing home
- Ring bells for the Salvation Army red kettles
- Develop a list of people in need and send them each a Christmas card with words of encouragement
- Adopt a family to provide food and gifts for them
- Help a local charity sell Christmas trees
- Set up community displays such as Christmas decorations
- Collect, assemble and/or deliver food baskets at any time of year
- Wrap gifts for anyone-especially toys for kids at Christmas
- Help with "Toys for Tots"
- Assist with a "Giving Tree" and donate gifts
- Make cash donations of any amount to agencies that help others
- Shovel, plow or blow snow for someone in need- perhaps a neighbor

This is a great time to **DO SOMETHING....**To serve others in our communities! Each Kiwanis club is encouraged to add at least one new service project this year and to serve more people than you have before. Please let me know what you are doing to serve others.

Have a Very Merry Christmas!

Helping Hands for Delaware Food Pantry

Pictured are members of the Kiwanis Club of Delaware County prior to the Holiday Clearing House food packing day Saturday morning. Our club has coordinated packing day for over 25 years for People In Need, our community food pantry.

Hundreds of community volunteers come to help pack the food bags. This year, over 1100 food bags were packed that will benefit well over 450 needy Delaware County families at the holiday season. This is our club's largest "hands on" service project of the year. It is a great community service project and Kiwanians are well know for this throughout the community.





Risk Management

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First Lady

Carol Parker
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It is essential that all Ohio Kiwanis clubs appoint a Safety Coordinator for the club. It would be helpful if that person had an insurance background, but it is not essential. Good common sense is essential, however.

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The club Safety Coordinator should be consulted during the planning stage for any Kiwanis-sponsored event to help assure the safety of all participants and all others involved. Kiwanis International defines the responsibilities of the Safety Coordinator as analyzing “the risk factors involved, eliminate those factors to the greatest extent possible, transfer the risk factors to other individuals or organizations, and obtain appropriate hold-harmless agreements and certificates of insurance for his/her club.”

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Late in November, 2009, Kiwanis International mailed to each club secretary the 2009-10 General Liability Risk Management Packet. The club Safety Coordinator should obtain this package from the secretary. If, for some reason, the packet is misplaced, the Safety Coordinator can request a new one from Kiwanis International by calling 1-800-KIWANIS or going on-line to the KiwanisOne.org website and down-loading the information.

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As the Ohio District Risk Manager, I am always available as a resource and/or speaker to Ohio clubs and would be glad to assist wherever and whenever needed. I should point out that Liquor Liability at a \$1 million limit is now included in the Kiwanis International-sponsored insurance plan applies to all Kiwanis Clubs and our Sponsored Organizations such as Key Club, Aktion Club, etc. Finally, each club secretary should also be on the lookout for a Club Accident Insurance pamphlet that went in the mail today from Kiwanis International. My contact information is as follows: P.O. Box 688, Delaware, OH 43015. (740) 369-9641 hilborn@midohio.net

Ohio District Kiwanis First Lady, Carol Parker, has been very pleased with the positive response she has received during the Governor and First Lady official visits.

In her presentation, Carol speaks of the need to continue the focus of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation—Prevention and Treatment of Pediatric Trauma. She talks about the efforts of Kiwanis Clubs around the Ohio District as they have engaged in projects on the local level that aid in preventing and treating pediatric trauma.

First Lady Carol also talks about a special interest of hers, the prevention of child abuse. Carol is urging all Kiwanis clubs to invite speakers to their clubs to talk about prevention of child abuse. She is also asking Kiwanis clubs to engage in “hands-on” projects that directly combat or respond to child abuse by volunteering in hospitals and child advocacy centers, planning and organizing pinwheel awareness events, distributing literature, and helping to educate new and expectant parents.

To assist in bringing attention to her special interest in child abuse and to raise funds to provide assistance to statewide child advocacy efforts, Carol makes available special tote bags with Kiwanis and child abuse prevention logos. Carol asks a \$5 donation for each tote bag.

As Lt. Governor, Bob Columer, (Division 11S) has said, “There is no worse form of trauma to children than child abuse.” Bob, who also serves on the Ohio District Foundation Board, has challenged his division to raise \$1000 through the distribution of the tote bags.

First Lady Carol would like to thank Joanne Whiteman of the Gahanna Kiwanis club for initiating the idea of the tote

Service Leader Websites a Great Resource

Once you are finished reading this newsletter, take a moment to click on the Kiwanis Family Links icon and visit either the Key Club or Circle K District websites.

A great resource for your service leader members and advisors, these sites are loaded with information regarding upcoming events, scholarships, and contests for your Key Club or Circle K clubs.

As an educational tool, the information that is at your fingertips is hard to beat, the district websites have information specific to Ohio and the International websites have downloads on everything to new club building, governing documents to information on how to build a new club. Please visit: www.KKkids.org
www.ohiokeyclub.org or www.Keyclub.org
www.AktionClub.org www.BuildersClub.org
www.ckiohio.org or www.circlek.org

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Aktion Clubs

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The Hero Within

This year's Ohio Aktion Club theme is "The Hero Within" and all Ohio Aktion Club members have been encouraged to be a Hero through personal and community service.

Over the past few weeks, I've been contemplating Ohio Aktion Clubs more than ever – the wonderful work that they do in the community and all of the wonderful Aktion Club members.

Hancock County Aktion Club president, Michelle describes a "Hero" as "Someone who sees something that needs to be done and does it."

For many Aktion Club members their lives have been filled with discouragement as they were told for most of their lives that they are unable to contribute to the community. Visiting Aktion Clubs around Ohio has certainly seemed to back this up. And yet our Aktion Club members continue to overcome their disabilities in BIG ways to become Heroes in their community as they work with joy, hope and caring to "fix" what they see needs to be done. If asked most Aktion Club members will very simply state that so many have given to them, they just want to return the favor. But it's much more than that! Our Ohio Aktion Clubs are full of real heroes who give of themselves with love and a desire to help make things right.

New Aktion Clubs

If your club or division is interested in developing an Aktion Club, please feel free to call or email me at any time at 419.427.8452 or sande@gofindlay.com This is one of the most rewarding things that you'll ever do!

Aktion Club dues

If your Aktion Club hasn't already paid their Kiwanis International Aktion Club dues yet or are having difficulty with the on-line payment, please let me know as soon as possible. Not paying dues can put the club charter on suspension.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2010 Convention ~ Sat & Sun, August 28-29, 2010 at Recreation Unlimited



Circle K

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ODCKI clubs are currently heading for winter break, where hopefully many will get a much needed break & have time to spend with their family and friends.

Membership Awareness Conference occurred on November 6-7 at Marietta College. Over 100 Kiwanis Family members were in attendance. The event was led by Amanda Griesser of the Marietta College CKI. Thanks to all who attended & especially to Kiwanians that drove CKI members to the event.

The 53rd annual Ohio CKI District Convention is right around the corner! It will be held February 19-21 at the Dayton Marriott. The five member planning committee has been hard at work and is prepared to put on another successful convention. The theme is "Service Opens a World of Opportunity" with an international focus. For more information check out www.ckiohio.org

Did you know that CKI members do more service per member than any other Kiwanis Family group? ODCKI club members have completed over 8,000 since April 1 & are well on their way to the 15,000 service hour goal set by the district board.

If your Kiwanis club is interested in chartering a CKI club or helping out CKI in a different way, please contact myself at governor@ckiohio.org

Ohio Kiwanis Foundation Grants

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is pleased to announce that the following grants have been approved...

- * Delphos Kiwanis Club - \$2500 for phase 2 of the playground project
 - * Children's Advocacy Center of Portage County - \$1782 for children's treatment services
 - * Grafton-Midview Public Library - \$1000 for AWE Early Literacy Computer Station
 - * Kiwanis Club of Oxford - \$500 for free dental clinic for children
 - * Kiwanis Club of Metro-West - \$500 for Challenge Day anti-bullying program
- Congratulations! The next deadline is March 31, 2010. Information and application forms are available on-line at www.odkf.org.

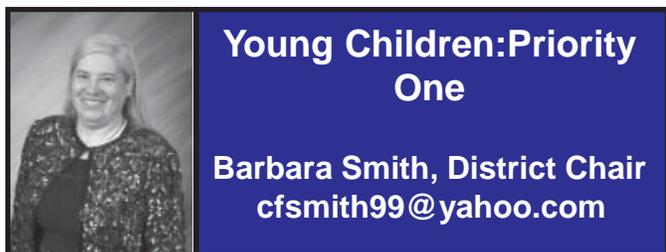
We recently had an inquiry from one of our members asking whether one of their fellow club members was in the top 100 in length of service to Kiwanis in the district. This caused us to think that a list of those members with more than 50 years Kiwanis Service would be proper recognition for those serving their communities over many years. We hope you will enjoy seeing this information in print.

Ada	Albert Baillis	10/1/1958	Lima	Wendell Zumkehr	12/1/1958
Akron	David Flanders	1/2/1952	Logan	James Rimelspach	2/17/1942
Akron	John Derr	4/7/1955	Logan	Paul Stivison	5/20/1952
Alliance	Carl Orwick	11/18/1948	Logan	Edwin Johnston	3/4/1958
Alliance	Richard Jones	9/29/1949	Mansfield	Richard Stander	1/1/1946
Alliance	William Hamlin	7/1/1955	Mansfield	David Carto	1/1/1957
Athens	Earl Mathews	10/14/1946	Mansfield	Joseph Polhemus	1/1/1959
Athens	Joe Jagers	4/15/1951	Marysville	Paul Florence	1/1/1951
Avon Lake	Hugh Meabon	1/1/1958	Mason	Alvin Voorhis	12/12/1958
Bay Village	William Walsh	12/2/1958	Massillon	Edwin Briner	2/7/1955
Bellevue	Wm Clark	9/1/1956	Maumee	Philip Levy	4/13/1954
Berea	Donald Williams	7/1/1946	Maumee	Douglas Cook	11/1/1957
Berlin Heights	Max Krueger	4/2/1959	Medina	Macy Hallock	1/1/1952
Boardman	Charle Lundquist	2/10/1959	Medina	Ray Henry	1/1/1955
Bowling Green	Bruce Bellard	6/10/1952	Middleburg Heights	Alan Wheaton	10/1/1955
Brecksville	Michael Memmer	12/6/1948	Middletown	William Wilmer	3/8/1956
Brooklyn, Cleveland	John Busch	3/1/1956	Mount Pleasant, Lancaster	Robert McBroom	1/1/1959
Brooklyn, Cleveland	Herbert Reichert	10/1/1956	Mount Vernon	Robert Denzer	7/1/1958
Bryan	Carlton Hardy	7/1/1957	Navarre	Wilbur Haas	7/1/1957
Bryan	Glenn Lorntz	5/16/1958	Newark	Thomas Norpell	5/18/1959
Cambridge	Edward Turner	8/3/1939	Newton Falls	Fred Stanley	3/1/1956
Cambridge	Clark Armstrong	1/1/1950	Niles	Dr Bernard Oakes	11/1/1959
Cambridge	Richard Roller	1/1/1953	North Olmsted	William Mohr	10/15/1951
Cambridge	Michael Sarap	2/6/1956	North Olmsted	Einar Borch	1/1/1955
Cambridge	Richard Buchsieb	12/22/1958	North Olmsted	Thomas Fabek	12/1/1958
Canton	W Robert Morrison	1/6/1953	North Royalton	William Sharkey	11/5/1955
Canton	Richard Werstler	1/1/1954	Northern Columbus	Glenn Warren	10/1/1958
Cape Coral	Thurman Cole	10/1/1948	Northwest Columbus	William Palmer	9/26/1950
Carey	Douglas Myers	1/1/1954	Northwest Columbus	Jacob Will	7/8/1958
Carey	Paul Burson	1/11/1957	Olmsted Falls	Robert Miller	7/1/1958
Cheviot-Westwood	Russel Witte	1/1/1947	Ottawa	Guy Kersh	12/1/1952
Cheviot-Westwood	William Geiler	1/1/1952	Oxford	Russell Griffith	10/1/1958
Cheviot-Westwood	Dillon Rhodenbaugh	12/1/1956	Poland	Walter Pekkanen	1/1/1952
Cincinnati	Robert Porter	8/22/1954	Poland	Howard Moyer	1/1/1952
Cleveland	Ralph Beattie	4/6/1950	Port Clinton	Richard Sneary	11/4/1954
Cleveland	Jacob Rosenbaum	3/6/1958	Portage Lakes, Akron	John Longworth	10/11/1951
Cleves-Three Rivers	Howard Seaver	1/1/1950	Portage Lakes, Akron	Thomas Longworth	10/11/1951
Columbus	Walter Kropp	4/12/1951	Portsmouth	G Paul Hickman	9/1/1938
Columbus	Richard Castrop	3/5/1954	Portsmouth	Robert Tieman	2/26/1958
Columbus	Ned Barthelmas	1/1/1957	Price Hill-Western Hills	Joe Schrage	8/1/1948
Columbus	Richard Tice	9/2/1958	Price Hill-Western Hills	Jerome Roth	7/1/1957
Columbus	Richard Heer	2/6/1959	Price Hill-Western Hills	Wm Bigner	10/1/1959
Columbus Northland	Fred White	4/6/1953	Price Hill-Western Hills	Greg Hartlaub	9/1/1958
Coshocton	Thos Leech	12/8/1948	Richmond Heights	James Loach	3/15/1957
Covington	Carl Reck	6/9/1953	Riverview-Delhi Hills,	Jack Silbernagel	11/1/1958
Dayton	Mason Jones	12/30/1952	Rocky River	W. H. Otter	1/1/1956
Dayton	Richard Schiewetz	1/1/1951	Russellville	Chester Holton	1/1/1952
Dover	Thomas Kane	11/1/1950	Saint Bernard	Howard Goldberg	1/1/1953
Downtown Athens	Clifford Houk	4/1/1957	Sandusky	Edward Feick	2/1/1951
East Elyria	Herman Frankel	7/28/1955	Sandusky	Robert Mitchel	4/1/1957
East Geauga	Phillip Adams	6/30/1958	Shaker Square, Cleveland	Gabriel Szabo	2/1/1956
East Geauga	Vincent Kelleher	7/15/1955	Sharonville	Philip Schmidt	12/17/1959
East Palestine	Jack Carpenter	4/1/1950	Sidney	Don Fogt	12/11/1957
Eastern Columbus	James Helf	4/16/1958	Sidney	Raphael Echemann	11/12/1958
Eastern Columbus	James Henley	5/21/1958	Silverton Kenwood Madeira	Richard Wm Benken	9/15/1949
Elyria	James Dall	1/1/1950	Solon	C Reed Steininger	11/17/1952
Elyria	Walter Westermann	7/20/1950	Solon	Edward Stibbe	9/23/1957
Findlay	Joe Moorhead	4/1/1945	Springfield	George Anderson	4/10/1956
Franklinton, Columbus	Ronald Rosen	5/1/1956	Springfield	George McCann	9/30/1958
Fremont	Calvin Bristley	10/27/1955	Springfield	Fred Hughes	9/22/1959
Grafton-Midview	Walter Wildenheim	8/15/1946	Springfield	Norman Simon	10/14/1951
Hilltop, Columbus	Don McVay	5/5/1955	St. Marys	John Kuffner	6/1/1956
Hilltop, Columbus	Gerald Koster	2/1/1958	Tiffin	Richard Miller	3/25/1959
Hilltop, Columbus	Robert Jones	3/15/1958	Toledo	John Williamson	1/1/1953
Hilltop, Columbus	Joe Norris	10/15/1959	Troy	William Dixon	9/20/1950
Hilltop, Columbus	Jerry Freeman	2/13/1946	Troy	Frank Bazler	5/9/1956
Hubbard	James Hanrahan	11/29/1948	Troy	William Christie	8/18/1954
Independence	John Nicastro	1/1/1958	University, Columbus	Frank Alexander	6/1/1955
Kent	William Fisher	12/1/1953	University, Columbus	Richard Loveland	9/12/1957
Kent	Raymond Loughridge	1/1/1959	Warren	William Sauer	5/1/1952
Kettering-Centerville	Paul Miller	1/1/1956	Washington Court House	G Kuhlwein	3/30/1959
Kirtland	John Diehn	2/6/1959	West Park, Cleveland	Howard Marusa	9/1/1959
Kirtland	Thomas Johnson	2/25/1959	West Toledo	John Potter	12/11/1952
Kirtland	James Naughton	3/9/1959	Westlake	William Sifritt	3/17/1959
Kirtland	Murray Winchell	12/1/1959	Wooster	Donald Rehm	11/4/1950
Lakewood	Donald Martens	3/14/1958	Wooster	Neal Maurer	8/7/1951
Lancaster	Harry Rawlins	3/21/1945	Wooster	H. Russell Conrad	10/3/1954
Lancaster	Paul Mechling	12/20/1950	Wooster	Earl Anderson	9/10/1956
Lancaster	John Baumgardt	4/11/1951	Wooster	Robert Schulz	9/11/1956
Lancaster	Charles Reed	3/2/1952	Wooster	R Rhoe Benson	4/28/1959
Lancaster	William George	2/20/1957	Xenia	David Purdom	1/1/1954
Lancaster	Robert Seeley	2/19/1958	Youngstown	Donald Brooks	2/1/1952
Lander Circle	William Larkins	1/1/1958	Youngstown	Henry Robinson	3/1/1954
Lebanon	William Dunn	11/1/1947	Youngstown	Charles Rudibaugh	3/1/1957
Lebanon	Robert Olson	1/1/1956	Youngstown	George Woodman	9/1/1957
Lebanon	Donald Hawke	1/1/1957	Youngstown	Douglas Everett	3/10/1950
Lima	J. Chester Ebling	1/1/1956	Zanesville (Downtown)	Russell Bolin	7/11/1956

New Kiwanis Club

Service Leadership Clubs

Grant Middle School Builders Club	11-9-09
Sponsored by Marion Kiwanis	15 members
Harrison K-Kids	11-25-09
Sponsored by Lakewood Kiwanis	30 members
Independence Elementary K-Kids	11-12-09
Sponsored by Lima Kiwanis	18 members
Prospect Elementary K-Kids	11-16-09
Sponsored by Mansfield Kiwanis	12 members
St. Christopher K-Kids	11-5-09
Sponsored by Rocky River Kiwanis	50 members



My thanks to all of you who are doing projects that support children ages 0-5 years. Many of you participated in the cereal drive and some of your clubs are collecting cereal at one meeting a month to donate to a local foodbank.

Some suggested projects included collecting gloves, scarves and boots for your local preschools and daycares. Many times these places would love to have people come in occasionally to read to the children.

Some issues to inform your clubs about include the fact that lead poisoning is still a concern. The focus has changed from paints having lead in it to how we are improperly removing this hazard. Ohio has new laws regarding car seats.

The March of Dimes is looking for volunteers for their various walks. Some of your children service agencies would welcome old suitcases that are still useable. These could be used to pack a child's belongings in situations where the child must be removed from a home.

I will be at mid year and would like to have a service project happening for YCPO. If you have ideas, I would love to hear from you.

Let's make the New Year a great one for as many children as we can. Happy 2010!

In Memoriam

Member	Division	Club
Jane Arnot	10E	Worthington-Linworth
Charles Hanks	17	Alliance
Mary Lechman	1-N	West Toledo

Granville Key Club Honored

The fifth annual *Building a Healthier Community Award* was presented to the Granville High School Key Club. The Bone Marrow Project, first established in 1997, has become the 100+ member Key Club's cornerstone project. For more than 10 years they have created projects and events in increase public awareness of the importance of bone marrow typing, and improve the odds in the matching system by increasing numbers in the bone marrow registry.

"We are pleased to honor the Key Club with this award, which acknowledges their dedication to improving the health of the community," said Licking Memorial Health Systems CEO Rob Montagnese. "Your continuous efforts greatly benefit the citizens of Licking County."

Previous winners of the Building a Healthier Community Award include the Salvation Army of Licking Co., the Newark Rotary Club, the Bereavement Services of Hospice of Central and the LMH TWIGS.

But Santa, I HAVE Been a Good Girl!



A young guest at the Circleville Kiwanis Club seems to advocate for herself when asked if she was a good this year. The Christmas Party hosted Kiwanis Club Families, Key Clubbers and of course, a very special guest.

Ohio Circle K - Service

- Sarah Roush, District Administrator

The Ohio District of Circle K has been very busy this semester/quarter. Service hours are pouring in and I have no doubt that we will reach our service goal this year. As of the end of November, we had registered over 7,348 hours of service to our communities.

Dues were also due the first of December and while we are awaiting final numbers – we look to be well over 500 members this year with hopefully being close to 550. The clubs at the University of Cincinnati and University of Findlay are close to re-chartering and we have hopes still to charter Otterbein College this year.

This year the fall Membership Awareness Conference was held in beautiful Marietta. Beautiful fall weather made it an especially wonderful event. After the workshops were complete, the students broke into teams to do what else-service! Volunteers built bat houses, raked leaves at a historical cemetery, did a “river sweep”, exercised animals at the humane society and gathered books for Better World Books. Not only did this provide an opportunity to help

THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

- * To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- * To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- * To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- * To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- * To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- * To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

The six permanent *Objects of Kiwanis International* were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.



Getting ready to take a homeless dog for a walk on a beautiful autumn day.

Candidates for office are encouraged to review the policy manual and complete the application for office. We are accepting donations to help offset the cost of dcon. Program ads are available for purchase and donations to the KICK fund via the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (for individuals) or directly to Ohio District Circle K (for clubs) will help keep the event affordable for our student body.

I wish to offer a special thank you to the Kiwanis Clubs of Northridge, Newark, Gahanna, Nordonia Hills, East Toledo-Oregon, Port Clinton and Independence for their donations to the KICK Fund.

These students are wonderful representatives of the Kiwanis Family – embodying everything we should hope for – enthusiasm, altruistic values and hope for a bright future. I encourage you to get to know them.

Happy Holidays from myself and the Circle K District Board.



Members pack up books for Better World Books. The books will be resold to students at deep discounts and the proceeds will help support literacy programs around the world.

others, it also provided a chance to get to know their fellow members from across the state and PA.

Our next event is the Ohio District Circle K Convention, to be held in Dayton, February 19-21, 2010. Registration, contest and scholarship information is now on line at www.ckiohio.org.