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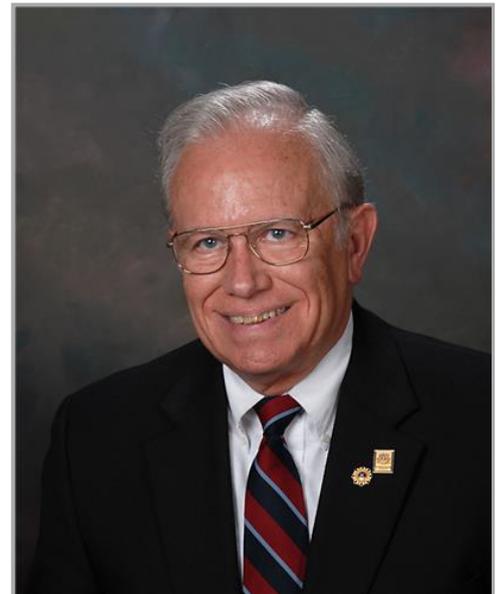
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Governor's Comments

12/15/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

This is a very special time of the year. Almost everyone feels it is not Christmas unless we have snow. Everyone loves the lights and decorations. Many people travel a long way to view light displays. The displays are the result of hours and days of work to make them complete. Don't forget the Christmas tree. Although many households have gone to an artificial tree there are many who still want a "real" tree. It has to be just the right tree and that is the problem. It must be tall enough and big enough. And just when you think you have found the "perfect" tree you find that the trunk is a little crooked. Maybe there is a bad side but that may not be a problem because you can put that side against the wall. Many families have special traditions. The traditions may involve the food, family gatherings, or decorations. We can't forget the food. There are family dinners, cookies, parties, candy, and many special treats.



A big part of the season is the giving and receiving of gifts. Gifts show that we care for others. We want others to feel special. We want others to know that someone cares for them. This is the same as Kiwanis service. Kiwanis service is caring for others. Kiwanis service in helping at a soup kitchen or volunteering at a food bank. Maybe it is adopting a needy family. Many Kiwanis Clubs donate their time in ringing the Salvation Army bell.

Service is giving. Kiwanis members, through their club and individually, can give through service to others. Maybe the service can be a new project helping the needy. We have many people needing help due to the economy. Kiwanis members need to lead by caring for a neighbor or doing something special for an elderly person. Maybe the service is sending an anonymous gift to someone who could use a little help. There are a great many opportunities and all we need to do is look around. The people that need help are everywhere. As many of you know, I like to call the actions of Kiwanis members as "Making Miracles Happen". During this special season of the year it is time to let our light shine as Kiwanis members. Let's be the leaders in giving to others and making this season special for others.

Wanda & I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and joyous New Year.

Tax Return Guidelines Announced

12/15/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



The IRS "grace period" for filing of Form 990 tax returns by Kiwanis Clubs has now officially ended. If the fiscal year end of your Kiwanis Club is September 30th, you must file one of three possible tax returns by no later than February 15, 2011. Failure to do so could mean the loss of your exemption from Federal Income Taxes. If your fiscal year end is other than September 30th, you could already be in violation of this policy. If you have any question at all concerning your responsibilities, please feel free to contact me in the district office at (888) 827-8196 Extension 201. Even

better, if you have an accountant in your club, he or she could provide you with a definitive answer as to your responsibilities.

For the 2009 tax year, which includes the period beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010, the filing requirements are as follows:

Form 990	Annual Gross Receipts \$500,000 or more
Form 990-EZ	Annual Gross Receipts under \$500,000
Form 990-N	Annual Gross Receipts under \$25,000

Gross Receipts are the total amount the club receives from all sources during its annual account period, without subtracting any costs or expenses.

Many Kiwanis Clubs will be able to use the Form 990-N. The 990-N is a postcard return that must be filed online. You can access the filing site by clicking on the following link: <http://epostcard.form990.org/>

When you file your Form 990-N, you will need your club's EIN (Employer Identification Number). If you do not know what that number is, we have a list for most of our clubs in the district office.

Please do not neglect this filing requirement. Failure to do so could lead to very serious consequences for your club.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this procedure, please call me in the district office. I would be glad to help you in any way I can.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

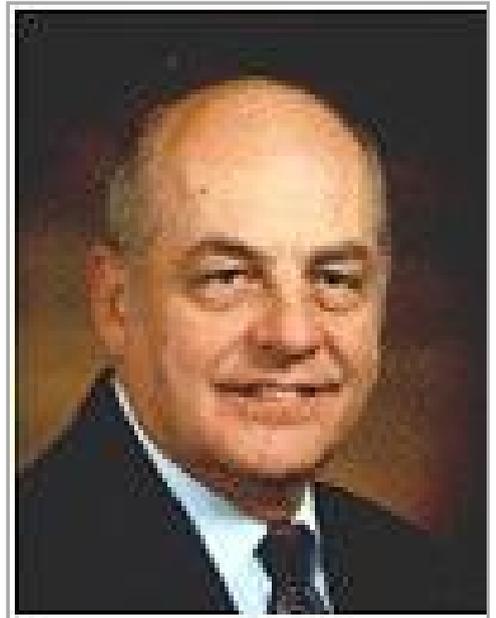
WE NEED YOU IN GENEVA

12/14/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Al Allender, District On To Chair

We still need to get more Ohio Kiwanians in Geneva to support our own A. Alan Penn as he moves to the Presidency of Kiwanis International and to vote on critical issues that may come before the delegates. We don't really care if you go by frequent flyer miles, travel agencies such as Travelocity, Orbitz, etc. We just need you there. It is not too late for you to travel using available packages from Incontra/Tumlare or other sources.

InConTra, Inc. and Tumlare Corporation have developed exclusive all-inclusive tour

packages for the Ohio District of Kiwanis which include airfare from Ohio to Geneva, airport transfers, four nights hotel accommodations, daily breakfast, convention shuttle service and sightseeing in and around Geneva. Additionally, an extensive menu of pre and post European convention tours is available. They will also work with you to customize your travel plans to meet specific needs.



Please sign up and deposit soon as group travel to Europe is more complex than traveling domestically and we want to make sure we provide the best flight schedule and airline seats possible to Kiwanians traveling to Geneva. Since there are limited airlines flying to Geneva and the summer is high season, the earlier we book your airline seat the better chance to confirm a good flight schedule and avoid having you sit in a middle seat or apart from your traveling companion.

In addition, they are offering four categories of convention hotels based on quality, price and location; Gold, Silver Spa, Silver and Bronze. The bronze category is sold out at present, but they are attempting to secure another similar hotel at the same price range. These hotels are not the typical size of an American convention hotel; rather they are smaller European properties. There is not a dedicated hotel for the Ohio District rather several Kiwanis districts are buying into these hotels. Booking sooner rather than last-minute offers a better opportunity to be accommodated in the hotel of your choice.

Go to www.geneva2011.com to review the convention packages and sign up.

Please don't hesitate to email them at kiwanis@tumlare.com or call 1-800-466-6990 with specific questions.

Registration is now open for the convention at www.KiwanisOne.org The registration fee increases by \$ 75. after January 31, 2011. Housing is also available thru Kiwanis International on that website. Rates are quoted in Swiss Francs which is near one U.S Dollar at current exchange rates. If you need information other than the Incontra numbers listed above, you can contact Al Allender, District On To Chair, at home (740) 392-8471 or cell (740) 507-4274 or by email at ajallender@embarqmail.com or by contacting the Ohio District Kiwanis Office.

We need a sea of red, so District red shirts are again available. They are similar to the last red shirt with the Ohio emblem and OHIO Kiwanis in blue letters. They are from the same company as the previous shirts. Order forms are available through the Ohio District Web site at www.ohiokiwanis.org. Just click on Download Files (left side of page) and the first option is the order form.

We look forward to seeing you in Geneva!

Al Allender
On to Geneva District Chair

First Family Project



The Kiwanis First Family Project (Formerly First Lady's Project) for 2010-2011 is Safe Pediatric Transport. Although safe pediatric transport is a broad area we have selected several focus points for this project.

1. Proper Equipment

A great idea would be contacting local rescue and emergency squads and partnering with them to provide pediatric emergency equipment such as pediatric backboards, blow up car seats, cervical collars, and other such emergency equipment in the correct sizes. Pediatric patients need special equipment built for their needs. Another idea can be offering, or partnering with other groups or service organizations, to provide low or no cost car seats and booster seats for families with a financial need.

2. Safe Car Seats

We also need to get out the message that used car seats should not be purchased from garage sales, flea markets, E-Bay, or other such venues where the history for the car seat cannot be proven. These car seats might have been in accidents and even though they may look to be in good condition, they should not be used again due to the possibility of structural weaknesses that are difficult to detect. And, as you have probably seen, we still have people driving with unrestrained children, children in the front seat, and children in adult restraints. Stopping these practices also needs to be a part of our message. Another project could be sponsoring a clinic to inspect car seats to make sure families are installing and using car seats correctly.

3. C.H.A.D. Stickers

C.H.A.D. (Children Have An iDentity) stickers are identification labels put on car seats and booster seats. These can help police, rescue workers, and hospital staffs know important information about a child in an emergency, if there is no adult able to supply information. With a search, you can find CHAD stickers to purchase online that could be personalized with your club information or a template is available for download and stickers can be printed on the suggested label. Keep in mind, CHAD stickers should be put where rescuers can easily find them but where juice and other liquids can not smear them. Labels printed on Laser printers are less able to be ruined by liquids. The stickers should not be in a position to be easily read by the casual passerby. Since children must be in cars seats or boosters until they are 4' 9" or 80 lbs., CHAD stickers could be passed out to the following groups and at the following events:

Preschools Elementary Schools
Day Care Centers Churches
Libraries Birthing Centers
Doctor Offices Cub Scouts
Brownies Baby Showers

C.H.A.D. stickers certainly should be passed out at your Kiwanis projects. Each CHAD sticker should be distributed with a letter telling how to use the sticker and include information about your Kiwanis Club.

4. Emotional Needs

The final safe transport item concerns the emotional needs of children. Comfort bears or other stuffed animals could be supplied to rescue squads and police departments to help children feel safer. These should be new, smaller stuffed animals with no loose parts.

Check with your local emergency squads to see if these are needed. Of course, any work done to help treat or prevent pediatric trauma makes a good project.

Do not hesitate to get our Service Leadership Program, Akton Clubs, K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, and Circle K members involved. This would be a great project for them, also.

A fantastic way to honor a club member is to give them a Past International Presidents Award (PIP) through the Ohio District Foundation. When you donate \$500.00 to the Foundation in someone's name, you can designate half of that amount to the First Family Project. Donations from clubs or individuals would also be appreciated. A form will be on the Foundation website that you can fill out when you are preparing to make a donation to the First Family Project. We have not designated a specific District-wide project for the funds contributed to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. This means that all funds contributed for the First Family Project are available for pediatric club projects. Please encourage clubs to apply for Foundation Grants to help them carry out local pediatric projects.

Information concerning the First Family Project can be sent by E-mail. Contact the First Family at: kiwanis@earthlink.net. Keep in mind that, at any event, you should be promoting Kiwanis and seeking out people who love children and community service. Ask them to join you in service to the community. An invitation letter or brochure is a great idea, but, even better, is YOU, a Kiwanian, being on hand at events, passing out C.H.A.D. stickers as well as serving Kool-Aid, cookies, and showing that you care. Let's put a face on Kiwanis and Kiwanis service.

Wanda DeVilbiss
2010-11 Ohio District First Lady

November Membership Report

12/14/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

Forty clubs met the goal of having a "Plus" in membership as of the end of November. This means that they have had a net gain of at least one member in their Kiwanis Club.

We would also like to congratulate the five Lieutenant Governors who had a "Plus" in membership for their Division as of November 30, 2010. Congratulations to Lieutenant Governors Jane Eaton (Division 1-N), Cory Briner (Division 1-S), Greg Halbe (Division 10-E), Dennis Murray (Division 11-N), and Jodee Ward (Division 24). This is a good start for the Ohio District.

[Click here](#) to view a report of the Ohio District clubs who have shown positive growth through November 2010.

John E. DeVilbiss
2010-11 Ohio District Governor

Builders Club

12/12/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Suzanne Lemak

Division 11N is the first Division in the Ohio District to have a Kiwanis Club open a new Builders Club for 2010-2011. Congratulations to the Mansfield Kiwanis Club for sponsoring a Builders Club at Mansfield Middle School. You are developing middle school leaders through service. Thank you!! In October 2010 KI introduced



new Chartering Options for Builders Clubs. Your Lt. Governors have a copy of these options. Please contact them for further details.

It is now time for all Kiwanis Clubs to start planning a project that you will be doing with your Builders Clubs on Kiwanis One Day – April 2, 2011. One day each year, all members of the Kiwanis Family around the world join together for one day of global community service – Kiwanis One Day. It begins with your club's participation and should include all Service Leadership Programs. If you cannot decide on a project, ask your Builders Clubs for suggestions. It is amazing the great ideas they have. Work with them to have the best joint project that your community has ever seen.

Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame Nominations Requested

12/02/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

The Ohio District is seeking nominations for the Ohio District Kiwanis Hall of Fame Class of 2011. The 2008-09 District Board formed the Hall of Fame as a way to honor those Kiwanians who have performed dedicated service to their Kiwanis Club, their Division, the Ohio District, and not the least of all to their local community.

If you go to the Ohio District Kiwanis Website at www.ohiokiwans.org and select the link to the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame on the left side of the page, you can download a nomination form to be submitted to the Ohio District Office as soon as possible. The deadline noted on the form was November 1st, but please go ahead and submit your nomination right away and we will include it for consideration to be awarded at the 2011 Mid Year Education Day on March 12, 2011.

If you have any questions regarding the process of nominating a Kiwanis member, please call the district office at (614) 848-5000 or (888) 827-8196 and select my Extension of 201. Thanks to your prompt attention to this request.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary



Mid-Year Education Day

12/14/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sharon O'Neal



Don't Forget!!!

Mark your calendar for Mid-Year Education Day on March 12, 2011. We will be meeting once again at the Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center, Ohio. Lewis Center is just North of Columbus on State Route 23. This is an excellent setting for our conference with great snacks and a large variety of foods for lunch.

We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with an Opening Session featuring our keynote speaker, Immediate Past International President Paul Palazzolo. You won't want to miss this! The forums will provide you with information and enthusiasm that will help you finish the year as a Distinguished Club. The last forums conclude at 4:30 pm.

Your club will soon receive a mailing with registration forms for the conference as well as hotel accommodation information. There will also be request forms for Exhibit Tables. Due to the space limitations, Committee Chairs and the Ohio District Foundation will be given priority status.

Be sure to register prior to February 11th to avoid the \$10 late fee.

Hope to see you there!

Key Club Successes and Challenges

12/15/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jeff Eble

Key Club in Ohio continues to be a vital organization. Membership fluctuates from year to year and is over 12,000 members this year. We just held the Fall Rally and had over 550 members in attendance at COSI in Columbus.

These are certainly positive events, but ODKCI faces challenges also. We have over 25% of our board seats vacant. Our attendance at the District Convention had been declining for several years, since the new transportation regulations were passed in the State of Ohio.

What can Kiwanis do to help the organization? First of all, Key Club is not a service organization, but a Leadership organization that uses the vehicle of service to give leadership experiences.

Part of Kiwanis support should be to have Key Clubbers assist with Kiwanis events. Make them part of your pancake day, your flower sale, your visits to nursing homes, your Arbor Day projects. Whatever Kiwanis Clubs do can be made more effective and successful by including Key Club. Make it a leadership experience for them. Give them a portion of the project to plan, implement, and be responsible for.

Provide assistance to the Key Club advisor when they need support for projects at the

school. Often times chaperones are needed for dances, supervision needed to help with long projects like all nite run-a-thons, and other school based events. Kiwanis can provide adult oversight that can help events be safe and viable.

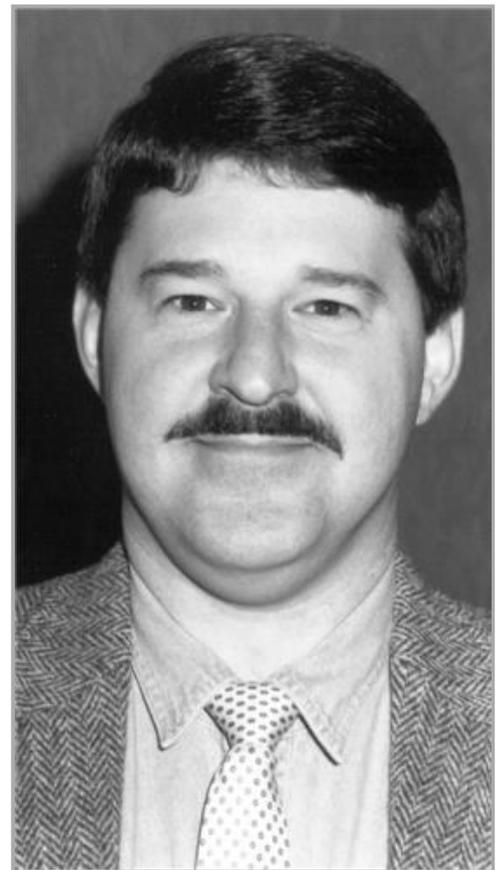
Get to know your Key Clubbers. Encourage them to attend State events like Convention and Fall Rally. Encourage them to run for elections for Lt. Governor or Executive positions. Often all a member needs is some encouragement and belief to go on to be a great officer, and have experiences that will carry them well into the future.

Schools today have many financial issues. While Key Clubbers are very resilient and resourceful, often they need help with support to principals, board members, and others dealing with all the aspects of school when there are shortages of funds.

Kiwanians can be part of the discussion and part of the solution in providing support to all clubs and activities that schools struggle to provide in these economic times.

In short, one of the best things Kiwanis does is Key Club. They are our future leaders and our future Kiwanians. It is well worth our time to help them to have the experience of leadership today and for the future.

Jeff Eble, Administrator
Ohio District Key Club



Club Newsletter Contest

12/15/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Buescher, Marketing and Public Relations Chair



An engaging club newsletter is an important way to keep your members involved in club goals, service activities and meetings. Your newsletter can also be one of the tools club members use to support their efforts to recruit new members.

The Ohio District is again sponsoring a club newsletter contest during this business year. Newsletters submitted will be judged for excellence based on the following four criteria:

Overall Appearance

Pleasing design
Proper masthead with club name, location and Kiwanis logos used
Use of photos, preferably color images, and/or logos
Positive tone/content

Inclusion of Essential Content

Club address, phone number and/or web address
Officers' names
Meeting location and time, speaker names and topics
Calendar of club events and projects

Kiwanis News

Article about recent or future club project with photo
Division news or council meetings announced or discussed
Ohio District Kiwanis news (e.g., Mid-Year Education Day promotion)
Kiwanis International news
Reports by committee chairs

Frequency and Distribution Method

Points will be awarded based on frequency and scope of distribution. For example, distribution to all club members by e-mail is better than making copies available only at meetings.

Bonus points will be awarded for use of members' names in articles, a president or secretary's column, evidence that club meetings include fun.

Submitting newsletters electronically is the easiest way to participate in the newsletter contest. Just add ODKnewsletter@gmail.com to your newsletter distribution list. If you need to furnish printed copies, send any four consecutive issues to Bob Buescher, 3130 Big Hill Road, Dayton, OH 45419. The deadline for my receiving your four consecutive issues is June 30, 2011.

Questions about the contest? Send a message to ODKnewsletter@gmail.com or call me at (937) 286-9774.

Bob Buescher
2010-11 District Chair
Marketing & Public Relations

Club News

Ada Kiwanis Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

12/13/2010 - Club: Ada - Submitted by: Heather Cox

On November 11, 2010, the Ada Kiwanis group held their 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. This year the club served 318 meals to the community where kids under 10 received their meals free of charge. There were 181.5 volunteer hours from 47 people. The Ada Kiwanis would like to give a special thanks to members of The Hardin Pioneer Aktion Club and Ohio Northern University Circle K Club for helping with this event.



The next major event for the Ada Kiwanis Club will be the 59th annual Pancake and Sausage Day. It is scheduled for Thursday March 17, 2011.

For more information on Ada Kiwanis, please visit www.adakiwanis.org.

Feeding Hungry Kids

12/13/2010 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: L Gilliland

Imagine being cold and hungry -- and living in the Projects of East Cleveland. Government programs provide food in the summer months and North Olmsted Ohio's Christ the King Church sends its Heaven's Train to serve the youth and feed them. But in the fall and winter -- no food is available.

Berea Kiwanis has stepped in on Fridays to prepare 800 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit and drinks. The effort is headed by Mary Smith, a relatively new member but active supporter of helping our kids. We meet at St Adelbert's church, prepare the food, laugh and enjoy great fellowship while fulfilling this important task

New North Ridgeville Kiwanis Club Thrives

12/12/2010 - Club: North Ridgeville - Submitted by: Katie Rennard

In 2009, Division 14 Lt. Governor Bob Williams took Governor Don Parker's challenge "It's Time to Do Something", very seriously. Bob knew there was a vibrant, growing community with a forward thinking Mayor near his Kiwanis Club but it was

missing one thing - a Kiwanis Club. There were a few obstacles, such as the fact that the city was located in another Division, and a past club had been started and had failed. Bob, always optimistic, saw these challenges as opportunities and he went to work.

He met with leaders in the neighboring division and gained their support for the new club building efforts and he began recruiting a team of leaders. He brought together veteran club builder, Larry Myers , Past Lt. Governor Tim Mohr as New Club Builder and Former North Ridgeville club member Gordon Hall to assist in planning and recruitment. They met with Mayor Gillock, a Rotarian, who realized the need for additional community service and wholly supported the new club building efforts. Bob and his team met with the Chamber of Commerce and developed a prospect list. They then recruited a team of over 20 Kiwanians to visit businesses and individuals in the community to tell the Kiwanis story and recruit members. They set up informative meetings at the local library to inform potential members about Kiwanis and they continued to recruit, recruit, recruit.



All the planning and preparation came to fruition when on August 30th, Kiwanis officers, area club members and Governor Don Parker gathered to present the North Ridgeville Club with its charter.

Calling the re-establishment of a Kiwanis Club in North Ridgeville "a momentous occasion," Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Donald Parker shared his delight at the club's chartering ceremony Aug. 30.

Newly installed President of the North Ridgeville club, David Worden was a Key Club

member in high school, stated that he learned about service through Key Club in high school and was eager to serve his community.

I recently reached out to Club Secretary Megan Sorka to see how the new club is doing. They have a couple of potential new members. They are supporting a nearly 100 member Key Club in the local high school and recently teamed up with the Key Club for a Pancake Breakfast and a leaf raking project. They have started a B.U.G. program in the elementary school. The club holds two meetings a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7 PM at Emmaus Journey Church with interesting programs, they have a newsletter and you can find them on facebook by searching Kiwanis - North Ridgeville.

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world..." and indeed they have.

Don Williams is 96 years young

12/09/2010 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Larry Gilliland

Past International President Don Williams celebrated his 96th birthday Nov. 21st! At the Berea Club's annual installation dinner, Don received his 62nd consecutive perfect participation pin.

The Berea Club held its 53rd annual Pancake Festival on Dec. 5th and Don was there at 7AM, taking tickets and greeting the 1400 who came for breakfast -- the main way the Berea Community starts the Christmas Season.

Christmas Partnership

12/02/2010 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Ginny German

The Lima Kiwanis Club sponsored the One Room Schoolhouse and the Allen County Museum in the amount of \$25,000.

Each year the Museum hosts a Christmas Tree Festival in early December. The Lima Club acts as hosts to the schoolhouse and decorates a 100 year old feather tree that sits proudly on the "teacher's" desk in the schoolhouse. This year the South Middle School Builders Club crafted the popcorn and cranberry garland for the tree making this a partnership between our Kiwanis Club, our Builders Club and the Museum.



Delaware Kiwanians Serve Twice in One Day!

12/02/2010 - Club: Delaware County - Submitted by: Tim Adams



Ahhh, the smell of breakfast at 6 AM! That's right 6 AM. That is when fellow Kiwanians from the Delaware County Club will meet for a charity breakfast at the Hardware Exchange store on December 11th.

The breakfast is named "What-ever You Think it's Worth Christmas Breakfast" local volunteers and business people make this event happen and the proceeds always go to a few local charities! After breakfast then it's off to the People In Need (PIN) Holiday

Clearinghouse. Our club will spend the rest of the morning packing and preparing items such as food, toiletries, clothes, toys and more to be given to those in need on Sunday December 12th.

Note: the photo was from last year.

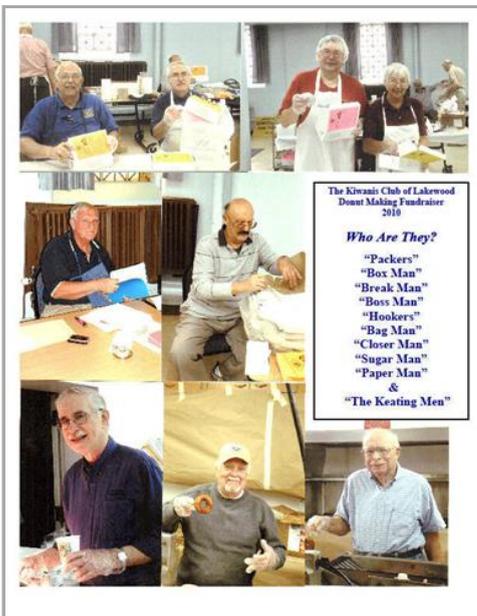
Marietta Ohio Kiwanian Celebrates 104th Birthday

11/30/2010 - Club: Marietta - Submitted by: Ann Hontz

Dennis Morris, a Marietta, Ohio Kiwanian turned 104 years old November 16. A celebration was held at the weekly meeting. Mayor Mike Mullen declared it Dennis Morris Day and read a proclamation in his honor. The local TV station, WTAP also was there to record this special day. Dennis has been a member of the Marietta Club since 1976. He remains active, golfing with one of his daughters on a regular basis. Dennis contributes his long and healthy life to exercise and eating healthy. He is an inspiration to all who know him. Congratulations Dennis!!

Lakewood Kiwanis 2010 Annual Donut Fundraiser

11/28/2010 - Club: Lakewood - Submitted by: John Huetter



The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood completed its annual donut making and sale fundraiser two days before Halloween. This annual event is by far our biggest & most successful fundraiser of the year with this year making and selling over 1400 dozen of donuts and selling 150 gallons of cider.

This event takes a considerable amount of planning and preparation and beginning the day prior to the actual baking where boxes are prepared, floors covered with paper and equipment brought in with baking beginning that first evening and continuing through the night. The second day around 6:00 A.M. the worker bees come in (those are the Kiwanians with friends and family) all toll this year 319 man hours by 86 of Kiwanians, including Key Club members for the three day event.

Sales become rather brisk as the morning wears on and you can imagine people heading into work with boxes of donuts awaiting their morning coffee. Throughout the day dozens and dozens of donuts go out the door. By 3 P.M. the donuts are all made and boxed with only a hundred dozen unsold but ready for the third day morning sales. By 10 A.M. of that day all have been sold and the area spotlessly cleaned with only the aroma of the donut baking remaining.

