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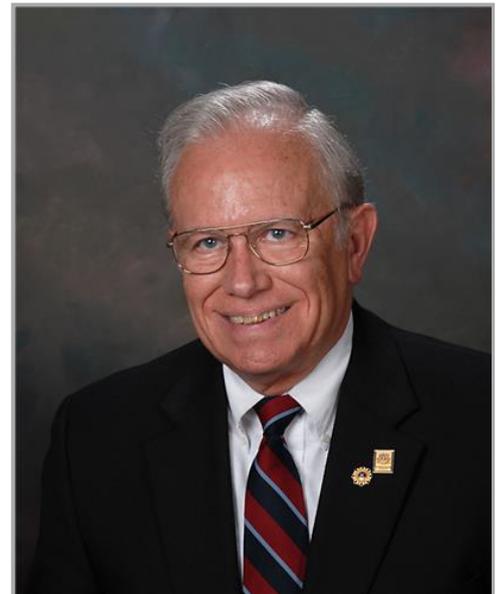
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Governor's Report

02/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

Does your club have a membership plan to bring in new members into your club? Every Ohio District club should have a plan for new members. Now is the best time of the year to bring in new members. The holidays are over and prospective members are not busy with summer activities. New members will bring new ideas and new life into your club. Our clubs need to grow to offer more service to our communities. Make sure you market your club and solicit new members at every Kiwanis event, whether it is a service project or a fund raiser. How many community members know there is a Kiwanis Club in your community and what you do. If I entered your community and asked someone if you have a Kiwanis Club and what do they do, would they know?



On April 11, 2011, we are planning a webinar on getting new members just for the Ohio District. We will have more details next month in the Buckeye Bulletin. Make sure to mark your calendar and plan on joining us on April 11th to get some new ideas on membership for your club. It will be an excellent investment of time. We want clubs all across the Ohio District to join us.

Don't forget the Mid-Year Education Day on March 12th. You can still register by going onto the Ohio District website (www.ohiokiwanis.org) and registering. This one day event is a fantastic opportunity to expand your knowledge about Kiwanis. It is a great time to network with other Kiwanis members and take back some new ideas for your club. Past Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo will be our keynote speaker. Come join your fellow Kiwanians for a very informative day.

Kiwanis "One Day" is scheduled for April 2, 2011. This is one day in the year that many Kiwanis clubs around the world try to schedule a project to help their communities. This would be a great day for your club to start a new service project. Start now to plan for how you will participate in Kiwanis "One Day" on April 2nd.

Still Time To Plan for Geneva

02/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Al Allender



This year the Kiwanis International Convention will be held July 7-10 in Geneva Switzerland. Alan Penn and the Ohio District need your support there as part of a "Sea of Red".

The shores of Lake Geneva have attracted visitors and invaders for millennia. The cheerful city of Geneva sits on the lake's western shore; snowcapped peaks create a gorgeous backdrop at every turn. This is a wonderful destination for exploring and discovering. Incorporating a visit to Geneva's lakefront and its famed water fountain, the Flower Clock in the English Garden, St. Peter's Cathedral, Reformation Wall, Place Neuve and the birthplace of the U.N. is truly most delightful.

InConTra, Inc. and Tumlare Corporation have partnered for this special event and together have developed exclusive, comprehensive tour packages for a number of Districts of Kiwanis which include: Airfare, airport transfers, four nights hotel accommodations, daily breakfast, convention shuttle service and extensive sightseeing in and around Geneva. The day tours are: Geneva, Montreaux, Chamonix, and Annecy. Many members have signed on to be part of this international event however room still remains for additional participants. A most inviting feature is the extensive menu of pre and post European convention tours made available to thoroughly enhance your time abroad. This is a spectacular time for you and your families, together with fellow-Kiwanians to enjoy more of Switzerland, or visit Paris, London, Germany, Vienna, Italy and more - on expertly planned land tours or on a delightful Cruise. Why not enjoy the special brand of camaraderie unique to members of Kiwanis on what promises to be a spectacular experience!

There is still time to be part of this trip but signing up soon offers the ability to take advantage of the 'best' of everything along with your first choice of pre and post tour excursions. Please take the time to consider the exciting travel options soon as group travel to Europe is more complex than traveling domestically and we want to be certain to provide the best flight schedule and airline seats possible to members traveling to Geneva and beyond.

We are offering three categories of convention hotels based on quality, cost and location: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Reserving now offers a better opportunity to be accommodated in the hotel of your preference.

If you do not want to use the InConTra packages, you can use frequent flyer, or a local or an online travel service to book your travel and room. Rooms are also available through Kiwanis International when you register for the convention. We don't care which plan you use, but we need you to be there. You can register online at www.Kiwanisone.org for the convention and for rooms.

We will have a display table and are part of a forum at the Mid-Year Education Day. Stop by for information or questions. Visit www.kiwanisgeneva2011.com to see the latest information, review the convention packages, decide on which of the extensive array of extensions beckons you - and to sign up! Please don't hesitate to email the official agents to various districts at Kiwanis@tumlare.com or call: 1-800-466-6990 with specific questions. They look forward to being of assistance. We look forward to seeing you in Geneva!

Al Allender
Ohio District On-To-Geneva Chair

District Secretary's Notes

02/17/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

On March 12, 2011, the members of the Ohio District will once again come together for our Mid Year Education Day at The Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center, Ohio. Have you made arrangements to attend this very important educational event? As I look at our registration list to-date, I find that some clubs have registered as many as 9 of their members to attend. Not coincidentally, those clubs are strong, vibrant clubs who provided much needed service in their local areas and most will be awarded Distinguished Status for their efforts. Why do they take a Saturday out of their busy schedule to attend a District Event? Because they find benefit in the educational content available to them at the conference. You can find additional information about the Mid Year Education Day on our district website at www.ohiokiwanis.org.

The leaders of the District are quite aware that the service in Kiwanis takes place at the local club level. That is why we are always looking at ways to make your job of providing community service even more effective. The Ohio District and your local Kiwanis Division exist to help you in any way we can. That will continue to be the case in the future.

One of the features of this year's Mid Year Education Day is a double session dedicated to hearing about and discussing what is called a "trustee structure" that has been adopted by a few districts in North America. Those attending this session will have the opportunity to learn more about this type of district governance structure and discuss whether it might have any benefits to the Ohio District.

Thanks for all you do to serve the children of the world and your local communities. We hope to see all of you next month in Lewis Center, Ohio.

Dave Whiteman
Ohio District Secretary

Mid Year Education Day Alert!

02/13/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sharon O'Neal



ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

It is not too late to register for the Ohio District Mid-Year Education Day, March 12, 2011, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Conference Center at Northpointe. Our Keynote Speaker, Immediate Past International President Paul Palazzolo will bring us an inspiring message to insure that we finish the year with positive growth. The list of forums can be found on the Website, so talk with your club members and decide which forums would be beneficial to help improve your club. There are several opportunities to learn ways to increase membership, become more involved with Sponsored Leadership Programs, and find new projects.

I am confident that you will find this Conference educational and will enjoy the wonderful Kiwanis fellowship.

We look forward to spending the day with you!

Foundation Grants Deadline Approaches

01/25/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jean Forbes

March 31, 2011 is the next deadline for submission of applications for grants from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Applications are available at www.odkf.org. Grants are available for both general community projects and pediatric trauma projects.

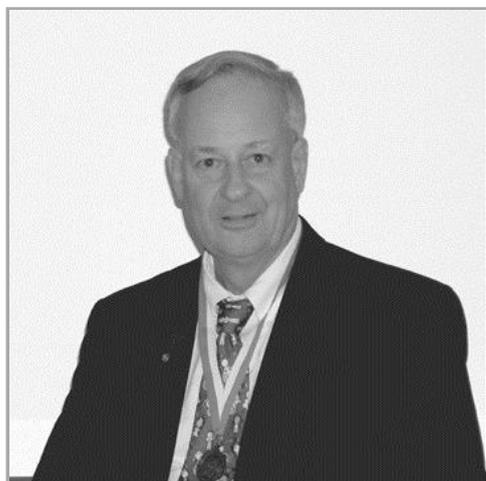
At the Mid Year Education Day there will be a forum to help you learn how your club can get funding to assist in your service projects. Hear what other clubs have done with this help for their projects.

Pediatric safe transport is the focus of Governor John and First Lady Wanda as they seek to ensure all children are safe in emergency transport situations. Pediatric Trauma Funds will be available for this and other projects that prevent or treat injuries to children.



Mid Year Education Day Forums - Interesting and Informative

02/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Williams



Looking for ideas to grow your Kiwanis club, serve your community, have profitable fundraisers, make a greater impact on the youth in your community or to just to do a better job in what you do already? Then the forums on MY Education Day are the place to be.

Past Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo will detail the new world wide service project Eliminate. Find out how you can help eradicate maternal and neonatal tetanus. The ODK First Family will have a forum where they will encourage you to be a part of safe pediatric transport of children. Being a part of this lifesaving initiative can grow your club membership too.

Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will be explaining how your club or division can get a grant for a worthy project. Find out about other clubs that have received funding for projects from the foundation. There will also be a forum on how clubs with saved funds can invest them in the foundation for greater returns.

Lanton Lee from KI will provide four different forums on how to increase membership in your club. One will be a repeat of the hugely popular presentation done at the KI Convention this year with Katie Rennard. Other presenters will do forums on how to use marketing opportunities to gain visibility for your club activities. Do you need to grow your club's involvement in community service as there will be a forum where ideas big and small will abound?. How about fundraising ideas? Plan to attend a forum where successful ones will be detailed for both small and large clubs. YCPO will bring us a forum on the Imagination Library a program started by Dolly Parton that fosters the love of reading among preschool children and their families.

One of the jewels of Kiwanis is its sponsored leadership programs. Come and hear from the administrators and youth participants in what makes this part of Kiwanis so valuable. Activities in Kiwanis Kids, Builder's Club, Key Club and Circle K will be highlighted. Aktion Club is attracting adults with disabilities to give community service all over our district. Come hear what makes this program so beneficial. Leadership skills of our youth are being nurtured by the Key Leader program. Come and learn why this program is growing so fast in the Ohio District.

Not to be missed is a forum on the KI Convention in Geneva and the ODK Convention in Toledo. Get the details on these great events and the great things taking place. Speaking of great fellowship opportunities what about "Interclubbing with Rejuvenation" another forum at MY.

Club secretaries and treasurers are invited to an interactive forum with the ODK Secretary on concerns to them. This will include IRS 990 filing requirements.

There will be a panel of Kiwanis experts which titles its presentation "How Can We Help You." Bring all those questions and thoughts to this session and let the experts provide you with the help and answers you need. "Soooo, You're a VP or a President Elect" is a title of another forum that guarantees to provide you with the strategies you need to be successful. Future leaders don't miss the opportunity to attend.

Enjoy talking and learning about Kiwanis then join the Finance & Structure Committee as they discuss the current ODK structure vs trustee structure. This will be a two session presentation. There will be a Q & A period as well. If you are a Past LT Governor there is also a forum to discuss topics of interest to you.

Mid Year Education Day offers everyone a chance to learn about Kiwanis and to better serve your community in an even more meaningful way. Prepare to be enlightened, recharged and inspired as you return to your Kiwanis club from this year's Mid Year Education Day.

Interclubbing for Kiwanis

02/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Barb Smith

Greetings everyone.

As the winter begins to thaw my thoughts are on interclubbing. It is an awesome way to share ideas, catch more programs, get involved in more service projects, meet more kiwanians and enjoy fellowship. Afterall, Kiwanis Interclubbing is Something Special. With the break in the weather why not step out of your club with some fellow club members into another club's meeting.

At mid year I hope to see fellow interclub chairs and presidents at my workshop - Interclubbing with Rejuvenation. Come to share experiences or to find out what the hype is all about. Let's face it, interclubbing can be done by any club of any size in any division. Fellowship is important in Kiwanis and this is a way to enjoy fellowship beyond your club.



Speaking of fellowship I am looking for ideas for a one time fun event or activity that perhaps we could do district-wide. Would love to hear ideas?

I am available to attend division meetings or club meetings. You can contact me or ideas or questions. Put a KISS in your club plans. I can be reached at 330 502 1460, cfsmith99@yahoo.com, cfbarbsmith@aol.com

See you soon.

Barb Smith
2010-11 District Chair
Interclub & Fellowship

Kiwanis and Community Service

02/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Tom Riggs



Kiwanis and Community Service is who we are and what we do. Governor John talks about being the miracle. We are the miracle in each of our own communities every day. This is achieved by the hard work of Kiwanians helping at a food pantry, reading to a child, raising money for scholarships, making a meal for families at a Ronald McDonald House, making sure that children experience the miracle of Christmas, and in to many other ways to count.

Service to our communities can be as simple as collecting toilet paper for our local food pantry to building a park for handicapped children. What we accomplish is only limited by our imagination. We should always look for new ways to meet the needs in each of local towns and service areas.

A favorite quote of mine is "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."
Edward Everett Hale

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for what you are doing. You make a positive and lasting impact in your local community. Yes, we can always do more. Unfortunately, there is not a shortage of need. Do everything you can to make a child's life better today than it was yesterday, and then do just a little more. I'd be happy to help you with suggestions and ideas for you and your club to reach a little further and higher. I'm confident we are all up for the challenge!

Tom Riggs
Community Service Chair 2010-2011
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Young Children: Priority One

02/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger

On January 21 and 22 of this year I had the privilege of attending the KI Service Leadership Programs Conference in Indianapolis. This was the first year that the Young

Children Priority One program was included in the event. Kiwanians with a special interest in the health and welfare of young children met together to fellowship, network, and learn more about the most important period of a child's development so that we could share our passion and ideas for community service with clubs in each Kiwanis District.

We learned updated information about the importance of the period of life from prenatal to 5, increased our awareness of materials available and project ideas, and empowered all of us to advocate for young children in the communities that we serve.

In 1990, a Kiwanis International committee determined that young children should be a priority to each of us. The Young Child Priority One program was developed because of a research study that determined that a child's brain has its most rapid growth during the first few years of life and that during this time the brain has tremendous potential, but also the greatest vulnerability. KI issued a statement that summarized the study and made the following recommendation. It is "Young Children Priority One' is not just a project. It's an imperative requiring contemplation and action by every adult today, if there is to be a future worth saving tomorrow." That is a strong position statement and a call to action for every Kiwanis Club in our organization to pay forward by improving the lives of young children during the most important years of their lives.



In August 2007, a report titled "A Science-Based Framework for Early Childhood Policy" from the Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University concluded that "Early experiences determine whether a child's developing brain architecture provides a strong or weak foundation for all future learning, behavior, and health."

What can your club do to nurture young children during the most important years of their lives? Well, I have a list of ideas for you. They include maternal and infant health programs such as immunization clinics, teen parenting programs (TAPP), baby showers for birthing centers, and distribution of infant health information. In the child care and development category your clubs could be story tellers, help Head Start Programs with needed supplies, make Kiwanis Dolls, do Toys for Tots, run a Coats for Kids campaign, or provide baby food for pantries and shelters. In the area of safety and pediatric trauma you could provide CHAD stickers to parents of infants and toddlers, sponsor Safe Sitter Training, conduct a safety fair, and help your EMTs get the appropriate equipment to transport infants.

Please stop and see me at the Mid Year YCPO booth to say hello, get more ideas for your clubs, and catch some of the passion I have for YCPO! I will have my calendar handy so that I can schedule a visit to your Division Council meeting in the months ahead. Also, please consider attending a forum for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This incredible program helps your club place new books into the hands of children ages 0-5. You won't want to miss it! In the meantime you can reach me at dianakeplinger@hotmail.com or 419-566-5903.

Diana Keplinger
District Chair
Young Children: Priority One

January Membership Report

02/17/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Membership Chairs



Fifty-seven clubs are now a member of the leaders that have met the goal of having a "Plus" in membership as of the end of January. This means that they have had a net gain of at least one member in their Kiwanis Club. Many clubs have exceeded the goal.

Congratulations to the six Lieutenant Governors who had a "Plus" in membership for their Division as of

January 31, 2011. Congratulations to Lieutenant Governors Cory Briner (Division 1-S), Greg Halbe (Division 10-E), Dennis Murray (Division 11-N), Robert Panovich (Division 16), Lyndon Thomas (Division 17), and Jodee Ward (Division 24).

[Click here](#) to review the membership leaders as of January 31, 2011.

Club News

Past Governor Al Gilbert and First Lady Iris Celebrate 60th Anniversary

02/17/2011 - Club: East Cleveland - Submitted by: Family

Past District Governor Al Gilbert and First Lady Iris celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on January 28, 2011. Al is a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club of East Cleveland and served as Ohio District Governor during the 1994-95 Administrative Year.

Congratulations Al and Iris and we wish you many more wonderful years together. You are indeed a blessing to all who know you.



Membership Contest - Virtual Golf Tournament

02/16/2011 - Club: Hilltop, Columbus - Submitted by: John Malone, President

The following is a membership contest that involves a golf contest among members. The Hilltop Kiwanis Club of Columbus used the contest to generate interest in bringing in new members.

VIRTUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

RULES

1. Everyone is a member of the tournament.
2. Tournament is for 18 holes. We meet weekly, so it played out over 18 weeks.
3. Records are kept of each member's attendance, if they bring a guest to a meeting, and if an application for membership is turned in to the membership committee.
4. The play is a par 3 course.
5. Attending a meeting results in a par (3 strokes).
6. Missing a meeting results in a 1 over par (4).
7. Bringing a guest to a meeting results in a 1 under par (2).
8. Should a guest turn in an application for membership the member receives a "Hole in One" (1).
9. If a member brings 2 guests, they could be awarded one under par for each guest resulting in (1) for the hole.
10. Should a person be hospitalized a par could be entered for each week of confinement.

REQUIREMENTS

1. 18 copies of the club attendance sheet, one to be dated with each meeting date, and kept for referral to update the following weeks "strokes".
2. A membership committee member (Tournament Official) and a back up to tabulate each weeks play.
3. Record keeping is critical and cannot be kept by the cashier who collects for meals.
4. Finally this is a fun time and can be adjusted to your clubs sense of humor. For instance there are no penalties in these rules for landing in a bunker, or water hazard.

Those are the basics. We felt it proper to keep it simple. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

John Malone , President
Hilltop Kiwanis, Columbus.

An Evening with Buckeye Coach Jim Tressel!

02/03/2011 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: D. TRESSEL/L. GILLILAND

The Berea Club and the Berea Schools will sponsor an Evening With Jim Tressel on Tuesday June 14th. All OSU Buckeye Fans are invited! Details are below:

OPPORTUNITY FOR OHIO STATE FOOTBALL FANS!!

Coach Jim Tressel will speak at Berea High School

We are pleased to announce that tickets for a VIP afternoon reception with Jim Tressel, Alumnus of the Berea Schools and Head Football Coach of the Ohio State University, sold

out in less than two weeks!

Don't miss this opportunity.

A limited number of general admission tickets for Coach Tressel's evening presentation now are on sale. This special event will be held at Berea High School, 165 E. Bagley Road, Berea on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity to hear the Coach share his thoughts on football, education, and personal insights from his book, *The Winners Manual*. Ticket sales support the two sponsoring community organizations – The Education Foundation for Berea School District students and Kiwanis Club of Berea!

General admission tickets purchased by Thursday, March 31, 2011 are priced at \$20. After this date, they will be \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the Board of Education Office at 390 Fair Street in Berea from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., M-F or by contacting David Tressel, 440-243-1992, dtressel@bera.k12.oh.us, or Larry Myers at 440-243-7322.

VISA, MasterCard & DISCOVER Accepted

Loops For Troops

02/01/2011 - Club: Middleburg Heights - Submitted by: Angie Scholtz



The Ford Middle School Builder's Club held a grade level competition and raised over \$300 to purchase care packages for 36 members of the 1st Military Expeditionary Force unit in Afganistan. The paper loop chain along with care packages will be sent to the troops. The loops were sold for fifty cents each at lunch and the eight graders took the lead with over 300 loops sold in their grade level. The Ford Middle School is located in Brook Park and is sponsored by the Middleburg Heights Kiwanis.

K Kids Penny War benefits Humane Society of Seneca County

01/25/2011 - Club: Tiffin - Submitted by: Beth Hutson

During the week of January 10-14, the HEIGHTS grade 5 service group K-Kids (associated with Tiffin Kiwanis) hosted a Penny War among grade levels in the five elementary schools here in town, with proceeds benefitting the Humane Society of Seneca County. While the penny drive was a suggestion proposed to the group by the Humane Society's director, I am sure they will be shocked when we present them with a certified check next week for \$2, 206.59.



The student's choose some complicated rules for the

war, where pennies added to a grade's total and silver subtracted. In this way you could sabotage another grade level's progress, and that certainly drove up the donations! We appreciate the many teachers, principals, and custodians in the buildings who stepped in to lend a hand when we were overwhelmed with donations. The winning grade level in each building was promised a donut breakfast as a prize, but the generosity of all our TCS children compelled us to order a small token of appreciation for each child in these buildings, which will be delivered in a week or two.

The change was converted to cash each day last week with help from the wonderful tellers at the Downtown Old Fort Banking Center. If you see Joyce Work, Carol Hammer, Debbie Gregson or Bobbie Tidswell, be sure to give them a big "Thank You" for giving us so much of their time. Also a big thanks to banking center manager Peg Benner. As Noble and Washington's change came in to be counted after school on Friday, the bank had no roll paper left and no where to put any more change! They had to put a call in to Brink's for a special pick up due to our success!

Thank you to all who helped and enjoyed our Humane Society fundraiser.

Parma AM Kiwanis perform tutoring in Parma Public Schools

01/22/2011 - Club: Parma Area Morning - Submitted by: Joe Germana

Members of the Parma Area Morning Kiwanis Club and their sponsored Normandy Key Club have been performing math and reading tutoring at several schools in the Parma Public School District. President Joe Germana and Bob Durante of the Four Star Insurance have been volunteering weekly at Dentzler Elementary, Bob Gillingham of Gillingham Ford and Gene & Karen Lovasy have been Tutoring at Ridge-Brook Elementary, Dave Guciardo of Normandy High School and the Normandy Key Club have tutored at Green Valley Elementary and have helped weekly at John Glenn Elementary. "With the consolidation of schools in the district resulting in increasing class sizes this tutoring has been valuable assistance to our teachers" says Dentzler Elementary School Principal Gail Clapp.

The Parma Area Morning Kiwanis is a local chapter of Kiwanis International that is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The Ohio District Kiwanis has a statewide "Read



Around the World" initiative to teach and encourage reading to children. Kiwanis also provides leadership training and an opportunity for children of all ages the opportunity to serve their community and their school with meaningful service projects. Parma Area Morning Kiwanis sponsorship includes the Kiwanis K-Kids Club at Green Valley and Pleasant Valley Elementary School for elementary age students, the Builders Club for Junior High Students at Hillside Middle School and High School age students' Key Club at Normandy High School. The Parma AM group meets Wednesday mornings for breakfast at 7:15am at the Greenbrier Senior Living Community Center located at 6455 Pearl Road in Parma Heights, and has service and fund raising projects throughout the year. For more information contact

President Joe Germana 440-882-2012.

Photo: Parma AM President Joe Germana tutors Dentzler Elementary Students with "Read Around the World" reading skills