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Love Your Club

02/09/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

Greetings Ohio Kiwanians!

During this snowy month of February, many people celebrate Valentine's Day, a celebration of love and romance that has both Pagan and Christian roots. We are often very good about making sure that our loved ones feel our love on Valentine's Day whether it be through sending a card, making one's favorite dessert, buying a bouquet of flowers, or going to that favorite restaurant. My Kiwanis club has also shone its love for people by visiting nursing homes to deliver carnations and Valentines, small gestures to say we care. For that day shrouded in reds and pinks, we let our love shine.

So, during this month of love, I am encouraging you to show your love for your Kiwanis Club and Service Leadership Programs. The Kiwanis International website asks us, "What do you love about your club? Whatever it is, members make it happen. The service, the leadership, the fellowship, the fundraising—it all requires Kiwanians. And it all helps strengthen your community." Truly without our members, we would not be providing valuable service in our communities and sponsoring our amazing Service Leadership Programs.

Members of our own clubs need to know that we care about them as individuals and need to feel sincere appreciation for the leadership and service they provide. Showing we care can be as simple as taking genuine interest in our fellow members and actively listening to them. Bigger gestures can be made by having a special meal at the meeting or sending Valentines or thank you notes to their homes. Valentine's Day is not the time to single out members that have gone above and beyond (perhaps this should be saved for the end of the year) but rather to make each person feel special. When someone feels appreciated, she will want to work harder for the Kiwanis causes.

Likewise, showing Service Leadership participants both that you appreciate their commitment to the Kiwanis-Family and how to express their love and appreciate for others is valuable. Perhaps helping a Key Club make a meal at a soup kitchen extra special or partnering with a Builders Club to visit residents of a nursing home can help



Service Leaders learn more about caring.

Kiwanis International's "Love Your Club" program encourages us to share the love for our clubs. One suggestion is to have a program to learn from each other's inspirations and ideas. Having Service Leadership participants involved will also bring even more insights. Members can anonymously write their answers to these KI questions on 3x5 index cards and then the leader can share the thoughts with the group. (Complete listing at http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/about-us/news-blog/kiwanisone-blog/2013/10/21/love-your-club-share-the-love!#.Uvf8t_KYbIU)

- I care about our community because:
- People we should invite to our club:
- Young people inspire me because:
- How do we inspire kids' and other young people's commitment to service?
- My proudest Kiwanis moment:
- The best way to describe our club to a potential member:

Ohio Kiwanians, I appreciate your devotion to Kiwanis and your club. Zora Neale Hurston wrote "Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place." Let your Kiwanis love shine!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Governor Jennifer DeFrance

District Secretary's Notes

02/14/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



Registration for the 2014 Ohio District Mid Year Education Day is ahead of schedule. As of February 14th, we have 300 individuals registered to attend. This is approximately 11% ahead of our 2013 registrations at this same time. Since our effective capacity is approximately 400, I would suggest you register as soon as possible to guarantee your spot. You can register online by going to <http://www.ohiokiwanis.org/> and clicking on the link at the top of our home page. Other information, including the tentative workshop schedule and hard copies of the registration forms can be found on the Mid Year Education Day page accessed from the menu on the left side of our home page.

Reminder for Form 990

I want to remind you one last time that your club's Form 990 (or 990EZ or 990-n) Federal Tax Return must be completed by the 17th of February. Please make sure that your club leaders have done this to avoid loss of your Federal Tax Exemption for failing to file.

Club Secretaries

At our Mid Year Education Day on March 8, 2014, I will be presenting the Club Secretary Workshop. If you are a Club Secretary, you should have received a set of pages titled "Club Secretary Resources" either at the 2013 District Convention in Lima or from your Division Lieutenant Governor. The pages were designed to be placed in a 3 ring binder

with section dividers to keep your materials organized. At our Mid Year Workshop we will be reviewing the new Portalbuzz website and we will attempt to answer questions you may have about the system. If you have specific concerns you would like discussed during the session, please email them to me within the next week to 10 days at dave@ohiokiwanis.org. This will allow me to check with the IT Department in Indianapolis. Please bring your "Club Secretary Resources" notebook with you to the session. If you are unable to find your notebook, I will have a very limited number available that day. I have been informed by the Kiwanis International Education Department that they will be mailing you revised pages to your manual this summer. Only the pages with changes will be sent to cut down on the cost of maintaining your manuals. Please feel free to contact me if you have specific questions.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

Mark Your Calendars for Mid Year!

02/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jamie Kaufman

Where will you be on March 8, 2014? Hopefully, you answered with 300+ of your closest Kiwanis friends at the 2014 Mid Year Education Day in Columbus, Ohio. If you didn't, don't fret, there is still time to register. Act fast and don't miss out.

Take a break from the winter wonderland and join us at the Columbus Airport Marriott for an action packed day full of learning, fellowship, and inspiration. The committee has worked very hard to ensure a great day of education for Ohio Kiwanis members.

The day will kick-off with registration and the Kiwanis store opening at 8:00 AM followed by our opening session from 9:00 to 10:15. The highlight of the opening session will be an address from International President-Elect John Button as he shares with us his plan for "Taking Kiwanis in to the Future."

After the opening session, we will move right in to our day full of 28 educational forums. We are offering topics on all facets of Kiwanis membership. With several on membership, club office, the ELIMINATE program, and Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities. A more detailed list can be found on www.ohiokiwanis.org. Please check them out. There are forums for the newest Kiwanian to our longest serving members.

We have a wonderful fellowship lunch hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Columbus. The lunch will provide a chance to reconnect with old friends, meet new, and celebrate the successes of the past as we honor Distinguished Clubs and induct new members into the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame.

New this year will be our Service Leadership Clinic in which participants will be able to interact in an informal setting with all of our Service Leadership Programs and our



student leaders. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about sponsoring a new SLP or to get fresh ideas on how to engage your existing youth programs.

Please join us on March 8, 2014 for Mid Year Education Day. And don't forget your canned goods for the food drive.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at jamie@impactbdg.com or 419-266-2984.

Jamie Kaufman
2014 Mid Year Chair

What will you be doing for KiwanisOne Day?

02/12/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sarah Roush



Kiwanis One Day is fast approaching! What is that you may ask? It is the day that Kiwanis International has designated as day of service for all Kiwanis Family members. Their idea is to do joint service project(s) and get to know and appreciate members of our inter-generational family coming together for a common good.

This is an easy enough goal – right? By planning ahead, you can have a great day doing a variety of projects. Here are some basic thoughts on what needs to be done to have a successful event.

1. Plan ahead. Sounds easy enough right? Often Kiwanians forget the members of the SLP (Service Leadership Programs) clubs may have excellent ideas on how to enhance an existing project or an idea for a new activity that adults may not be aware of, so be sure to include the officers of your SLP's in the planning stages.
2. Interesting Projects. Sometimes, you just need to make a splash. Or at least make the project something that appeals to a broad spectrum of volunteers. By spelling out the need and the impact that project will have is a great way of drumming up interest (and volunteers).
3. Have a deadline for the project. Members of the SLP's often rely on their parents to drive them to and from places. Make certain students (and drivers) know in advance when they need to be someplace and when the project will be over.
4. Appropriate supplies and attire. Let students know as far in advance if they need to wear clothes that are appropriate for painting, being outside, getting REALLY dirty, or if they need gloves, long sleeved shirts, etc. Nothing worse than seeing someone shivering because they are outside in shorts and t-shirt when it is only 55 degrees out.
5. Promote, promote, promote. Not only to the members of the clubs... remember SLP's need at LEAST 3 week notices in order to participate fully, but also to the community. Ask the local news outlets if they would like to send a reporter and photographer to document this activity in the community or if they will at least tell you how to submit a news article and photograph for publication. Keep in mind that "action" photos are typically preferred over a line of people mugging for the camera.

At a loss for project ideas? Here are some super simple ideas....

- Contact the local library about dusting the books, cleaning the cd display cases, or helping to clean the toys in the children's area or storage closets. Many have courtyards or flower beds that could benefit from some weeding, fresh mulch or planting of colorful (and hardy) plants.
- See if your local school has concession stands that could benefit from a thorough cleaning and painting. The boosters will thank you.
- Create –mini salad gardens made out of milk jugs that have been cut and filled with topsoil and salad seed mix. Pass these out to people visiting food pantries.
- Animal shelters often need thorough cleaning and animals ALWAYS need exercising in the spring. Beautification projects could include planting a dogwood tree, pussy willows or catnip planters.
- Combine Skip-A-Meal Day with a food drive for the local food pantry. Have members of your clubs collect donations while skipping a meal and then donating the dollar amount of a purchased meal to the cause.
- Do a blood drive. Supplies are crucially low because of the bad weather this winter.
- Clean a local walking path of rubbish that has been dropped and remove branches or nuts that may have fallen into the pathway during the winter.

If you have a great Kiwanis One Day project planned for April 5, let Kiwanis International know about it! Enter the Kiwanis One Day contest by March 15. The winning club will receive a professionally produced video to be featured at the Kiwanis International convention and on the Kiwanis International website. Clubs that enter the contest may also be featured in Kiwanis magazine.

Need additional help planning your project? Check out the resources at Kiwanis.org/OneDay to make April 5 truly special.

Welcome Spring with Club Projects Supporting Young Children:Priority One

02/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Linda Steinbrunner

Focus continues on 'Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities' in 2014. As Spring approaches, it is a great time to add emphasis to projects supporting Young Children: Priority One, one of the Kiwanis signature programs. These projects focus on the needs of children from birth to age 5 helping to build a firm foundation and to make a positive difference in the life of a child.



The district service project selected for Mid-Year Education Day is a food drive to assist Ohio counties and citizens in greatest need. This includes helping to provide nourishment for many of Ohio's hungry children. According to Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, in 2011 (the most recent data available), Ohio ranked 15th nationally for child food insecurity. Many of these hungry children reside in Ohio's southeastern counties which have suffered significant economic woes over the past several years. Because of this data, we will be working directly with the Southeast Ohio Food Bank as we undertake this service project. The SE Ohio Food Bank has agreed to provide a truck at the Marriott Columbus Airport Hotel where we will be hosting the Mid-Year Education Day activities on March 8, 2014. Donations can be

dropped directly at the truck which will be located in the parking lot of the hotel. We are encouraging all clubs in the district to participate. We suggest each club to donate at least the equivalent of a case of food. In the interest of Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities, recommended items include low-sodium soups, vegetables, canned meat, beans, lentils, fruit in natural juices, low-sugar peanut butter, old-fashioned oatmeal, granola bars, dried fruit, and whole grain pasta. Cash donations are also highly appreciated as \$1 will usually generate up to 4 meals. Checks can be written directly to the "SE Ohio Food Bank", a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Cash donations may also be left at the truck in the parking lot.

In the interest of young children, we ask that you also consider donations of diapers, wipes, infant shampoo, soap and lotions as these items cannot be purchased with food stamps. The director of the food bank noted that they are especially in need of these care items. Take note that food banks cannot accept infant formulas or baby foods as these items are highly regulated. Toddler foods and snacks can be accepted.

All clubs participating in the food drive at Mid-Year Education Day are eligible for the Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities project participation recognition patch.

Spring is a great time for your club to initiate Young Children: Priority One projects. Clubs can initiate their own projects or they can collaborate with others such as the local hospital, health department or other community organizations. Consider conducting a brainstorming session at a club meeting to identify ideas for projects that will benefit your community. Some simple projects to consider include the following:

1. Hold a 'Fun Run' for children in conjunction with a 5K. Offer ribbons and healthy snacks to all children participating.
2. Investigate the needs of local day cares. Donate playground equipment, outdoor toys, strollers that hold multiple children. Or offer healthy snacks or meals to the children in need.
3. Spend a morning or afternoon helping to clean up a local park. Following the winter, parks are in need of clean-up. Playground equipment may need paint and/or repair. Include SLP members in the activity. This can be a fun club activity.
4. Conduct a bicycle rodeo to teach bicycle safety to children. Offer free helmets to participants or as door prizes.
5. Spring is often a time for pancake and sausage breakfast fundraisers. Use this event or others to distribute health related information to participants. Consider offering information on recommended immunization schedules, healthy snacks, fitness, etc. Offer information on the need to use sunscreen and distribute samples. Also consider replacing regular maple syrup with a lite syrup and thus cutting 50 calories or more per serving.

As winter winds down, remember to maintain a daily focus on your health. Small changes can reap great rewards. Strive to be a dedicated Kiwanian and to share your gifts with those less fortunate. Follow the mantra of the Kiwanis Club in McKinney, Texas as shared in the January/February issue of the Kiwanis Magazine: "To do more for the world than the world does for you. That is success." Let's all strive for success on a daily basis and help the world to be the best it can be for all.

Stay warm and I hope to see you at the Mid-Year Education Day.

Mid Year Conference Offers Many Learning Opportunities

02/09/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance



The Mid Year Education Day Committee has been hard at work planning a great day of educational offerings. We have aimed to benefit the members through quality topics with qualified presenters.

Here are some highlights:

Looking for motivation and ideas to attract new members? We will have workshops on "Innovative Membership Initiatives" and "The Care and Nurturing of Members." Also, we will have a special two-part workshop "Club Growth in Action" that shares the best practices on club growth and then helps attendees take those suggestions and make a plan for growth.

Need some new service ideas to refresh your club's service to the community? Some workshops will focus on the Governor's Project "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy

Communities" through Young Children: Priority One and Community Service. Attendees can learn about Kiwanis One Day and ways to celebrate in service with Kiwanis-Family members throughout the world. There will be a hands on workshop with Project SHARE; you can learn to make sleeping bags for the homeless using recycled materials. Looking for ways to raise funds for all of your club's service? There will be "Healthy Fundraising-Sponsoring a Community Sporting Event" and a panel workshop on "Best Practices in Fundraising."

There will be unique opportunities to learn more about Service Leadership Programs. There will be "The Ins and Outs of Chartering a Service Leadership Club" and guidance will be provided in "Youth Protection Guidelines". New this Mid Year is "SLP Clinics" in the afternoon. Student members and district administrators will be available at tables in the ballroom to answer questions one-on-one to expand Kiwanians' knowledge on SLPs and their sponsorship.

There will be many opportunities to learn more about The Eliminate Project and goal achievement in fundraising as well as a compelling presentation by Kiwanis International President-Elect Dr. John Button.

Club officers will benefit from workshops for President, Secretaries, and Treasurers. Also, "Motivating Members Through Orientation and Training" will show club leaders how to enhance the member experience for their club. Other Club Operations workshops will also focus on "Getting the Most Out of Your Newsletter," "Risk Management," and "The Internet for Kiwanis Beyond Facebook."

You don't want to miss these excellent and diverse learning topics. Be sure to visit www.ohiokiwans.org to get the full listing of workshops and register for Mid Year!

Recruiting and Retaining Builders Club Members

02/02/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Suzanne Lemak

If you are having a hard time recruiting and retaining members here are some helpful hints:

Ways to Recruit New Members

- Post a bulletin board with upcoming club activities
- Display posters throughout the school as well as your club banner
- Plan school wide service and fundraising projects to raise awareness
- Partner with non-service clubs within the school
- Host a service project during lunch hour
- A few times a year, host a "bring a friend" themed meeting



Ways to Help your Club Retain their Members

- **Projects:** The best way to get members and keep them is to offer a wide variety of projects that will keep them engaged.
- **Name Recognition:** When members do something great like a perfect attendance or ten hours of service, reward them with a certificate. That will make them feel valued.
- **Buddy System:** Having a friend in the same club will help members to keep returning.
- **Reward your wonderful members** by doing something fun such as giving them a year-end pizza or ice cream party. Keep giving them reasons to come back.

Please pass this information on to your Builders Club Faculty Advisors and work with them to achieve these goals.

Suzanne Lemak
2013-14 Builders Club District Administrator

New Model club, Mid Year Activities Highlight Eliminate

02/05/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.

ELIMINATE
maternal/neonatal tetanus

Congratulations are in order to our newest Model club of Fairfield! Thanks to Speakers bureau member Suzanne Lemak and her club for voting to save so many lives of women and children! We need to continue these efforts as we push to reaching \$1.8 million and saving 100,000 lives and also reaching the next benchmark of \$2 million. But how to be a Model club? And what if you haven't gotten there yet? Then plan to attend Mid Year on Saturday March 8 in Columbus. Dr. John Button, KI president-elect, will kick things off as keynote speaker, and he will also be helping present special Hixsons and Zellers and also recognizing clubs who have qualified for Ohio specific awards through the GEMS program. Clubs who have raised \$5,000, \$10,000, \$20,000 and \$40,000 will be recognized for saving thousands of lives! And if you want to know how to become a Model club, or how to develop a plan for your club, attend the 11:30 a.m. forum - "Best Practices for Model clubs: How Can My club meet its Goal and more!"

Dr. Button will also be assisting the Eliminate project in the afternoon with his presentation on the Global Footprint of Kiwanis, scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Finally, please be sure to stop by at our Eliminate booth. There you can pick up

literature, sign up and schedule a program for your club, and even purchase some gently used items, with all proceeds going to Eliminate. Remember, your club can bring in items too and get a chance to win some money! It is all part of the fun and fundraising agenda that is part of the Eliminate project!

On to Tokyo, Chiba Japan Convention July 17th-20th, 2014

02/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Anne Cornelius

Well, are YOU getting excited to attend KI Convention in Tokyo, Chiba Japan this summer? One family from within Ohio District Kiwanis certainly is and for a good reason too! They are, John and Wanda DeVilbiss. John is our official Ohio District Candidate for Kiwanis International Trustee. We have a number of other Kiwanians already signed up to join John and Wanda in Japan. How pleased they would ALL be to be surrounded by other Delegates from within our great Ohio District of Kiwanis. Please consider experiencing a truly International Convention and come help support, John DeVilbiss for Trustee, during the election process at Convention.

What do YOU have to do to attend Convention? Glad you asked! Simple online registration process is now available at: kiwanis.org/convention Please use one registration form per Kiwanis Member. Full payment is due at time of registration. Early bird registration by 04/01/2014 and you will save US \$50. Also have the opportunity to book other ticketed events being offered for a separate price listed per event. All completed registrations received by April 1, 2014, will be entered to win prizes such as dinners for two or tea ceremony tickets at a Japanese garden. Good Luck to YOU early birds! Otherwise, all completed registrations must be received by KI no later than May 15, 2014. After that date, you must register in person, on-site in Japan. Keep checking this website for updates and announcements as date draws near.

The Certificate of Election of Club Delegates and Alternates to the Kiwanis International Convention Forms can also be found at: kiwanis.org/convention Complete and return this important form no later than April 30, 2014. Send by mail, fax, or email scanned copies to: memberservices@kiwanis.org Questions? Phone member services directly at: 800-549-2647 Ext. 411. Help is just a phone call away.

Tumlare is the official travel provider for Kiwanis International Convention. They are offering competitive packages including; Round trip flights from Ohio's major airports to Norita (main) Airport, Transfers from Tokyo airport to hotel and return, Four nights hotel accommodations within walking distance to the Makuhari Convention Center, Daily breakfast, Sightseeing program in Tokyo as well as a special Kiwanis Event yet to be announced. Tumlare package is much more reasonable than purchasing your airfare and hotel individually. Darin Minghella, Director of Sales, is our contact there. Visit Tumlare website at: <http://www.kiwanis.Japan2014.com> Pre-Convention and Post-Convention tours are also available for additional nights and costs.

Keep in mind that there are no assigned District Hotels. Therefore, the Hotel Francs would essentially become the "unofficial" hotel of the Ohio District. Hotel Francs is located directly across the street from the Makuhari Convention Center. No transportation worries or concerns going to and from. Walking distance for all concerned.

I will be having an exhibit table at MY Education Day, Saturday, March 8th, 2014 at the Marriott Columbus Airport, 1375 N.Cassady Avenue, Columbus, OH 43209. Also On To Convention Forum scheduled during the 3:10 to 4:00 PM time frame. Stop by and find out more information about OTC Tokyo, Chiba Japan and get to know Candidate John DeVilbiss, for Kiwanis International Trustee better. See you there!

Until then, if I can further assist you with regard to attending On To Convention Tokyo, Chiba Japan, please contact me directly via my email at: acorny@att.net



New Club Building Update

02/14/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Rich Ulmes

So we are now just about half way through the Kiwanis year and things are starting to get busy. Your clubs are busy with fundraisers, community projects and the Eliminate Project. The Ohio District New-Club-Building Team is busy working with groups on new club builds in Spencerville, Medina and Mentor and are in the early planning stages for a number of other clubs. But is it ever enough? Are our clubs doing all they can do for their communities and the children? We know the Ohio District needs to continue to work



Rich Ulmes
New Club Builder
South Central Region

with Kiwanis members across the district to identify and build new clubs. If there is a town near you that has a school district without a service leadership program like Key Club or K-Kids, then there is a need for a Kiwanis club in that area. Please help us identify areas with a need and let your Lt. Governor know.

If you plan on attending the Mid-Year Conference this month, please stop in and participate in the Club Growth in Action Seminar, a 2 part session (sessions 3 & 4). In the first part of the session we will talk about new and innovative ideas to help get your membership up. During the second part, members of both growth teams will work one on one with Ohio Kiwanians to show you how to put these ideas into place. Kiwanians will go away with ideas and samples of how they can get their clubs excited about membership.

Club News

Aktion Club Stirs the Hearts

02/12/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club spent Super Bowl Sunday making valentines for Seniors in assisted living facilities and nursing facilities. The Club made 230 valentines to be delivered to these facilities along with ones for a hospice facility. This was part of a program sponsored by Pat Catan's called "Make Not Take" where Pat Catan's provide the material and space for valentine making for seniors. The club had 26 in attendance making valentines.



Aktion Club Delivers the Love of Their Labors

02/12/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski



The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club spent Sunday February 9th delivering valentines which they had previously made at Pat Catan's, two residents at two facilities. They delivered 85 valentines to the Larchwood Village Assisted Living Facility and 115 valentines to Halgart Health Care. They also made 35 valentines for the Ames Hospice of the Western Reserve. The residents were excited to receive their valentines and the Aktion Club members enjoyed providing that joy. One member so excited when spoke of giving a woman a valentine who was born in 1913 and realized she was 101 years old.

K-kids Clip Pictures for Posters

02/12/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

Westlake Kiwanis K-kids at Burneson Middle School were only chartered two months ago but they have spirit of volunteering in a big way. They are show here clipping pictures of things they like for posters to be displayed at a K Family dinner being served at the Ames Hospice of the West Reserve on Valentines Day. They have been working on Linus blankets, learning the K-kids pledge and K-kids values.



Club Purchases Care Bears, Trauma Boards

02/12/2014 - Club: Ada - Submitted by: Jon W. Umphress



The Ada Kiwanis Club recently purchased Care Bears for the Ada-Liberty Township Ambulance District. The bears, one of which is pictured with this article, will be presented to children being transported by the Ada-Liberty Township Rescue Squads. Ada Kiwanis Club 2013-2014 President Heather Cox noted that the bears will fit perfectly with the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation emphasis on pediatric trauma.

In addition, the club is in the process of purchasing two pediatric trauma boards which will be placed in both of the squad's rescue units. The boards will be presented to the ambulance district in the near future.

Jon Umphress
Ada Kiwanis Club

Westerville Kiwanis and "Books for Break"

01/29/2014 - Club: Westerville - Submitted by: Deborah Moore

Our sponsoring club, The Kiwanis Club of Westerville, Ohio, in partnership with Westerville Partners for Education (**WPE**), Half-Price Books (**HPB**) and McGraw Hill Education (**MHE**), is currently involved in a service project to provide elementary school children with books of their choosing.



The idea of "Books for Break" was originated by WPE who met with John O'Connor, a Westerville Kiwanian, to form a plan. John contacted HPB and identified a source for nearly-new and gently-used books, perfect for this project's purpose. Leading up to their Christmas break, John collected boxes and boxes of books, donated by HPB. John, fellow Kiwanians and WPE members thoughtfully reviewed each book, rated them according to interest level and grade level, per the Renaissance Accelerated Reader rating system, and delivered them to Pointview Elementary School. On the day prior to the start of Christmas break, Kiwanians and representatives from WPE helped display the books throughout the cafeteria and assisted the children who were ushered in groups to pick out a book for themselves and another book(s) for a younger sibling(s) at home. The children were delighted to see the books and thrilled to make their choices.

The children were tasked by their teachers to read their book over break and write a short review upon returning to school. In early January, thank-you cards from teachers and students were delivered to the Westerville Kiwanians, WPE, HPB and MHE for their involvement in the project.

At John O'Connor's request, HPB was recently honored by the City of Westerville for their generous donations to this project. The city's Vice-Mayor, Jenifer French, presented Greg Berger, Manager of the Westerville HPB store with a Certificate of Recognition for their contribution to the Book for Breaks project.

The pilot program at Pointview Elementary School was a great success. Since that time, a similar program, "Book Swap", occurred at Cherrington Middle School and Hawthorne Elementary School has a "Books for Break" scheduled for their Spring Break.

This project has proven to be an excellent use of time and valuable resources, with a relatively small financial commitment. Keep the books coming, HPB, and thanks to everyone who has invested effort to promote literacy and get these books into the hands of our greatest resource, the children.

Deborah Moore
Secretary/Treasurer
Kiwanis Club of New Albany

Kiwanis Club of Kirtland Anniversary Dinner Gift

01/27/2014 - Club: Kirtland - Submitted by: Bill Pastor

On January 16th the Kiwanis Club of Kirtland celebrated its 55th Anniversary. More than 80 members and guests were in attendance at the dinner to celebrate not only the anniversary of the founding of our club, but also service milestones of some of its members as well as perfect attendance awards. The awards were presented by Lieutenant Governor Gary Stumpf. Also, invited to our celebration was Kirtland Middle School Principal Scott Amstutz, who was given a check for \$5000.00 to assist in the



building of the new Learning Lab in the Middle School. These funds were a combination of monies from the budgets of this year's President Stan Krulc and also from President-Elect Kevin Eilerman's as well. Kirtland Kiwanis takes pride in serving the children of our community through worthwhile projects such as this!

(Pictured in the photo L-R is Kirtland Kiwanis President-Elect Kevin Eilerman, Kirtland Schools Superintendent Steve Barrett, Kirtland Middle School Principal Scott Amstutz, and Kirtland Kiwanis Club President Stan Krulc.)