Sausage Sandwiches Save Babies

How can that be true, you ask? Well, in the Ohio District we have a club that has been making sausage sandwiches at the Darke County Fair since 1970. The New Madison Club (NMK) of 22 members has perfected the art of making delicious sausage sandwiches to support their long list of service projects in their community and beyond. Because this club will be honored at the MidYear Education Day for paying off their Model Club pledge to the Eliminate Project to become a Legacy Club, while sponsoring many local service projects, I wanted to tell you their story by quoting part of an article written by Lt. Governor Bobby Phillips of Division 3. Lt. Governor Bobby sent this article to KI for inclusion in their magazine, but I wanted him to tell you about the club, as well.

“So how does NMK accomplish supporting and contributing as they do? In 1970 NMK created the ‘Sausage Barn’ as a take apart building at the Darke County Fair. In this leaky makeshift ‘building’ they started cooking and making sausage sandwiches to order. The first year they went through a whopping 300 lbs. of meat. Their second portable trailer lasted 28 years and in 1999 they went through a record 2750 lbs. of sausage. In 2002 the club purchased a custom made “Sausage Barn” trailer, which they use to this day. Over the years the club expanded from the Darke County Fair to the annual Darke County Steam Threshers’ Reunion and contributed all $9000 from the reunion to the IDD drive in 1994.

NMK literally logs thousands of volunteer hours from June through September with the traveling “Sausage Barn” staffed by NMK, Tri-Villages Key Club, local volunteers and of course, the wives and husbands of the club members. This is truly a community endeavor, labor of love and contribution, not only monetarily, but physically and emotionally.

NMK budgets in excess pf $10,000 per year for their projects. Most of them are local school and community projects, but they consider and contribute to the global mission too.
So what kind of impact can one small group of dedicated, thoughtful, passionate and globally minded people have? With their Eliminate contribution over 9722 lives have been saved. Young minds are shaped by reading programs, college advancement with scholarship money, adult developmentally challenged individuals and families assisted, and local fire department equipment upgraded are among some of the more obvious impacts. When you stop and consider the smaller intangibles, the entire Tri-Village area is enhanced because of a few Kiwanians.

New Madison Kiwanis, we are proud of you and thank all of you for being part of this global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time - all made possible because of a little sausage sandwich!”

I would like to thank Bobby Phillips for sharing this story with me and helping me bring it to you. This is an example of what a small group of people can do for their local community and for the “children of the world”. We need to remember that Kiwanis International has pledged our support to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus, and as members of the global community these mothers and babies, though far away, are part of our neighborhood.

Yours in service,

Governor Diana

**District Secretary's Notes**

02/13/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

Registrations for the 2015 Ohio District Mid Year Education Day are coming in at a good pace. As of February 13th, we have 236 individuals registered to attend. This is behind last year’s record registration at this same time, but the good news is that you still have time to get registered. Since our effective capacity is approximately 350, 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 located on the Mid Year Education Day page on the left side of the screen. Other information, including the tentative workshop schedule and hard copies of the registration forms can also be found on the Mid Year Education Day 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 was due by the 16th 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 7, 2015, we will be presenting the Club Secretary Workshop. At our Mid Year Workshop we will be reviewing the Kiwanis Connect/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 secretary@ohiokiwanis.org. This will allow me to check with the IT Department in Indianapolis. Please feel free to contact me if you have specific questions.

Dave Whiteman
Kiwanians from around the world will come together to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary in Indianapolis, Indiana this June. Circle K, Key Club, and Aktion Club will also join in the Celebration. There will be fun, education, and tours. Get your reservation in and book your hotel now. The Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Indianapolis is the host hotel for the Ohio District, but due to size and other factors our Caucus and Office will be held in other facilities. We will be sending out information about those locations at a later date. Since there will be no shuttle service from downtown hotels, you will want to research other hotel choices if you have difficulty walking. Please check with our district office for suggestions.

Don’t forget if you are interested in the Post-Convention Bermuda Cruise you need to book that as well. It is 7 Nights, June 28-July 5, 2015 aboard the Celebrity Summit. Call toll free 1-800-999-3543 for reservations. There will be a table set up at Mid-Year where you can pick up more Convention Information.

Mark your calendar and we will see you at Convention June 25-28, 2015 in Indy.

Karen Hagerman
2015 On to International Convention Chair

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We are over halfway through this year and there are so many opportunities to help your home, school, and community through your Builders Club. Kiwanis Club liaisons, I would encourage you to check the KI site for the Builders Club newsletter each month. I would also encourage you to forward these newsletters to your Builders Club advisors if you are not already doing this. There are many informative ideas to help you with membership and projects. A couple of ways to bring new members to your club, even at this time of the year, are to have your members invite friends to a meeting, have an ice cream social or work on a project that anyone would be able to participate in. Recruitment, even at this time of the year, helps to set the stage for next year.

I would encourage you to continue to work on projects that support the MNT project. Did you know that all the Builders Club in KI combined have raised almost $200,000? That is fantastic!!!

I encourage you to send photos of projects, with a short article, to the Buckeye Bulletin so others can see what you are doing and perhaps even share an idea for a project.

If your club is thinking of sponsoring a new Builders Club for next year, now is the time to lay the groundwork for that to happen. Schedule a meeting with the school principal to let him/her know what Builders Club is and how it can actually help their school as well as build leaders for the future.
Save the Date for Mid Year 2015

02/10/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jamie Kaufman

Where will you be on March 7, 2015? Hopefully, you answered with 300+ of your closest Kiwanis friends at the 2015 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 Crowne Plaza Columbus North 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 10:00. Our opening session will include the 2015 inductees to the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame and several other award presentations.

After the opening session, we will move right in to our day full of 24 educational forums. We are offering topics on all facets of Kiwanis membership. With several on membership, club office, the ELIMINATE program, and our Service Leadership Programs. A more detailed list can be found on www.ohiokiwanis.org. Please check them out. There are forums for the newest Kiwanians to our longest serving members.

We have a wonderful fellowship lunch planned with a key note address from our International Counselor Elizabeth Tezza. The lunch will also provide a chance to reconnect with old friends, meet new, and celebrate the successes of the past as we honor Distinguished Clubs and Officers from the 2013-14 year.

Please join us on March 7, 2015 for Mid Year Education Day.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at james.f.kaufman@gmail.com or 419-266-2984.

Jamie Kaufman
2015 Mid Year Chair

Mid Year = Opportunities | To Do: Register

02/10/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Eric Bush

March 7, 2015 at the Columbus Crowne Plaza... We Need You!

The Ohio District provides two district-wide events annually for its clubs and members. Mid Year Education Day and the District Convention. At each of these events, there are opportunities to learn. Learning takes many forms: Getting to know other Kiwanis members; Sharing ideas of what works in your club; Attending forums to get new ideas; and many more.

This year's Mid Year Education Day will be full of opportunities for members and clubs. We will have clubs preparing to celebrate 100 consecutive years of service in their
communities. We will be celebrating the saving of lives around the world. We will be bringing new sessions to the agenda. We will have a seat for you!

Will you be among those there to make this a great event? I hope so. If you see me there, please share your ideas about what you like and what you need.

March 7, 2015 is waiting for you. [Register Now!]

Eric Bush
Education Chair, 2014-2015

Kiwanis ONE DAY

02/17/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kevin Whitlatch

Hello Kiwanians! I am sure many clubs have some good projects and activities planned for Kiwanis ONE DAY on April 11th 2015. I also know of clubs who have ONE-DAY activities that may not be on the exact day but are part of their Kiwanis ONE DAY motivations. I would like to offer select clubs a chance to publicize and provide ONE DAY project information to other clubs during our Mid-Year Education Day on March 7th 2015. I am part of a forum in which I would like clubs to speak up and describe their projects, and provide handouts as appropriate, so that other clubs in our district can learn about the great work and projects your clubs are performing. I also believe that your clubs projects will cause others to ask; What if? What if our club tried to do something like that project in our community? What if we asked a club that presented if we could assist in their project this year and do a similar project at our club next year? What if our small club could assist in a ONE-DAY project with another club within our division? Obviously, the What if’s are simply that....What If?? So please contact me and let me know if you would be willing to share your Kiwanis ONE-DAY projects and planning information at mid-year. I know there are a lot of great ONE-DAY projects and know your willingness to share your information will inspire others to develop and perform Kiwanis ONE-DAY events. Just think, your club and your current Kiwanis ONE-DAY activity could be the genesis of other clubs future Kiwanis ONE-DAY activities! Now that would be a great legacy for any club to have and be proud of.

I hope all of your Kiwanis ONE-DAY projects go exceptionally well and I thank you for your commitment and dedication to Kiwanis. Please contact me if I can count on you to share your ONE-DAY activities at Mid-Year. I am looking for 5 clubs to give a three to five minute talk on their projects so the first five that contact me will be selected. I will also attempt to get others at the forum to talk about their projects if time allows. Regardless, I am always looking forward to hearing about what your clubs are doing and want you to send me any service project information as you see fit. Thanks again, see you at Mid-Year. My contact information is on the district website and I can be contacted at: kwhitlatch@buckeye-express.com

Have a great ONE DAY.
Kevin Whitlatch  
Community Service District Chair  

Why Open a New Kiwanis Club  
02/14/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kathleen Moylan  

Every community needs a Kiwanis Club, and every club needs Kiwanians. Why did you join? Did you join to make a difference in your community? Did you know that the average Kiwanian equates to 37 hours of community service, and that Kiwanians provide over 6 million hours of service every year? Working together, each Kiwanis club achieves what one person cannot accomplish alone!  

When I go into a community and see that there is no Kiwanis club, I can't help thinking that they are missing out on opportunities for all of our service leadership programs, and that there are potential Kiwanis members out there that just have not been asked to join a club. In fact, when asked, most new Kiwanis members will tell you the reason they never joined our organization before is because they were never asked.  

There are areas all over Ohio that are not being served by Kiwanis. That means children are missing out on opportunities to participate in BUGS programs or Terrific Kids, and that they won't have the opportunity to join a K-Kids Club, Builders Club or Key Club. They are missing out on opportunities to develop leadership skills, improve self-esteem, increase their civic engagement, learn life skills and create strong moral character through service to others.  

Do you live in an area that could be enhanced with the help of a new Kiwanis Club? If so, please let us know. There are some great tools on the kiwanisone.org website to help you understand more. Just click on, "I love my club," and learn more about "The Formula", a member led initiative to strengthen existing clubs and open new clubs. There will be several sessions offered at Mid-Year, so please plan to attend at least one of the sessions promoting this exciting program.  

Contact any member of the The Formula Club Opening team if you would like to roll up your sleeves and join us in putting a new club in a local community. Or, contact me directly and I'll point you in the right direction. You would be amazed at the energy a new club will create for the community, your division and our district.  

What do I need to know about these Youth Protection Guidelines ??  
02/15/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jeff Eble  

Youth Protection Guidelines have been around now for a couple years and should be starting to be more routine than new. Kiwanis, like many organizations is involved with many ages of young people, and like many organizations, Kiwanis is bound to see that the youth are protected.  

It is a sad commentary that today our youth are sometimes preyed upon from many different directions, and sometimes from adults closest to them. The goal of the Youth Protection Program is to be sure that Kiwanians have an awareness of this and take
safeguards to protect the youth we try to help.

Each year Kiwanis clubs are expected to educate their members on the guidelines (available online at Kiwanis International), and see that those members directly involved with youth have criminal background checks. If they are an officer, advisor, or overnight chaperone role they need a background check. Transportation should be done in 3’s, and students should not be in private situations alone with one adult. Always keep in mind the rule of 3’s. Kiwanians should be attuned to youth issues and if youth seem to be troubled, then school or official sources should be consulted to see if any further attention is needed to the youth. These are not rocket science guidelines, but more common sense considerations to help protect the youth we work with as if they were our own.

Further questions should be directed to me at jeff.email117@gmail.com; to the Kiwanis Governor; or to Kiwanis International and any of these sources should be able to help you. If you have not done training for your club, it is available online, or I can help. The next meeting is always a great time to do it if you have not!

Jeff Eble
Key Club District Administrator

Ohio Moving Ahead with Eliminate project

02/08/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, MNT Coordinator

By now you have certainly heard that Ohio has reached and gone over its $2 million mark. That is a great step in saving the 1.1 million lives. But now we are continuing our push to work toward the next benchmark of saving 1.7 million lives when we reach the $3 million mark.

Although that might seem difficult to accomplish, Ohio is a strong district with much great leadership. Our Governor Diana Keplinger is a member of two clubs, both of whom are pledged Model clubs, and that speaks to leadership at the top. She will be followed by another great leader Amy Zimmerman, who will not only be our next governor but has been totally engaged in the Eliminate project since it began. Her current site visit to Cambodia will further empower her to help move the district farther into the positive direction, and especially speaking from her $100K club perspective.

Finally the Eliminate project deadline, which was originally earmarked to end at International convention in June, will now continue its fundraising efforts to December 31, 2015. That will give all of us more time to help save lives! The women and children that we are helping may look different than us and speak a different language, but their smile - and that of their healthy children - speaks volumes that we can understand and appreciate in any language. The $1.80 from us to them says it all!
WE GIVE THEIR CHILDREN LIFE!
Bellefontaine Kiwanis adds 4th Key Club

02/16/2015 - Club: Bellefontaine - Submitted by: Brad Kunze

Ohio District Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor Bobby Phillips is shown presenting the Club Charter to Key Club President Nathalie Thompson at their Charter Ceremony January 27th, hosted at the school by Kiwanis of Bellefontaine and Club President Josh Stolly. Attending in addition to Lieutenant Governor Phillips and Bellefontaine members, were representatives of Kiwanis of Troy, Key Club Division 2. Lieutenant Governor Lorin Denney and representatives of Indian Lake and Ben Logan High School Key Clubs. Calvary Christian High School Key Club is the most recent addition of sponsored youth programs by Kiwanis of Bellefontaine, which currently sponsors 4 Key Clubs, 3 Builders Clubs and an Aktion Club. Kiwanis of Bellefontaine is the oldest and largest service club serving the greater Bellefontaine/Logan County community, chartered in 1926.

Marietta Kiwanis Club Celebrates 61st Annual Pancake Days

02/16/2015 - Club: Marietta - Submitted by: Ann Hontz

The Marietta Kiwanis Club would like to thank the community for supporting the 61st Annual Pancake days February 6 & 7, 2015. Pancake Days is the club’s largest fundraiser and all the proceeds – over $23,000 - go back into our community. The Club members served over 1,800 people in just 1 ½ days.

Kiwanis is a service club whose purpose is to promote human and spiritual values, good citizenship, fellowship and altruistic service through voluntary action. The Marietta Kiwanis Club supports services in the community such as landscaping projects at the Middle School and High School, maintenance of Lookout Park, Terrific Kids at Harmar Elementary, the Phillips School BUG program (Bringing Up Grades), picnic shelter by the Marietta College Boathouse, Marietta Picnic Pavilion-Flanders Field donation, Halloween in the Park, Storybook Park with the Washington County Public Library, and sponsorship of the Marietta, Frontier and Waterford High School Key Clubs, the Marietta Middle School Builder’s Club, and the Marietta College and Washington State Community College Circle K Clubs. The club also takes part in bell-ringing for the Salvation Army and placement of historical markers throughout Marietta.

Thank you to the following for either donations or in some way supporting the event:

Broughton’s, Richardson Printing, Marietta College Delta Tau Delta, McDonald’s, Food 4 Less, Crystal Spring Water, Marietta Memorial Hospital, Ash-Hanson Flowers and
Wedding Innovations, Barlow VFD, First Congregational Church, WMOA, Marietta Times, WTAP, Clear Channel, TV22, TV15, Vogue-Swift, Peoples News, Patten's Appliance Center, and The Adventure Company.

The success of this annual event would not be possible without the continued support of the Kiwanis members, volunteers, basket & raffle donors, and a benevolent & hungry community.

Thanks! Marietta Kiwanis Club

Merry Christmas

02/15/2015 - Club: Bellefontaine - Submitted by: Brad Kunze

Kiwanis of Bellefontaine partnered with GreeneBucs (Greene County Ambucs) to make Christmas a little brighter for 7 year old Taylor by providing her an AmTryke (mobility tricycle). Taylor, afflicted with Spina Bifida, is shown with her AmTryke along with (l to r) Governor Elect Amy Zimmerman, Bellefontaine Treasurer Brad Kunze, Division 3 Lieutenant Governor Bobby Phillips, GreeneBucs and Cincinnati Kiwanis member Sandy Zimmerman and Bellefontaine President Josh Stolly. Bellefontaine Kiwanis learned of the opportunity to assist Taylor by their members’ regular attendance at the local Aktion Club meetings; Logan County Aktion Club hosted the presentation on December 22nd and provided refreshments.

Aktion Club Delivers Valentines

02/15/2015 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Action Club delivered Valentines to residents of Emeritus at Brookside Estates in Middleburg Heights, OH. Shown here are Aktion Club member Natalie Orlandi standing and Michael Sigmund receiving a kiss from resident upon receiving her Valentine. The club hand made the cards they delivered the previous Sunday at Pat Catans in Westlake, OH.

Varsity Team Investment Results in 8 Eagle Scouts

02/12/2015 - Club: Worthington, Linworth - Submitted by: Della Cross

This is an article about an opportunity where our club stepped up and said yes. Back in 2007 our club was presented with the opportunity to sponsor a new Boy Scout troop. Our club had just created a foundation which was necessary for us to be a sponsoring
organization for the Boy Scouts.

The original troop leader, Dave Sanders, sat down with our board and presented the club with a proposal to start a Boy Scout troop in Worthington. The board approved the sponsorship and set us on this 8 year journey. The original group of boys were only 10 to 11 years old when the troop was first formed. Now, 8 years later, they are 17 and 18 and headed toward graduation.

Our sponsorship during these early years consisted of paying for the initial Boy Scout package which included the hand book, t-shirts, etc. We then proceeded to pay for their awards and badges. When asked, our club assisted toward Eagle Scout projects including dog food, clothing for the homeless, and shoe drives.

Out of the original group of scouts, who were now turning 16 years old, the troop asked us again if we would sponsor a scout varsity team so that these older scouts would stay in scouting and work toward achieving higher awards and do more high adventure activities like rock climbing, rappelling, zip lining, etc. The club agreed to sponsor the team and 8 of the original scouts entered this scout varsity team group while the Boy Scout troop still grew with new members.

On January 10, 2015 the journey for these original 8 scouts ended when the last 4 of the group received their Eagle Scout Awards. Our club couldn’t be prouder of this fine group of young men whose motto was “8 for 8” encouraging each other to achieve the highest honor in scouting, their Eagle Scout badge. There were 2 Eagle Scouts from the troop before this team of 8, and in the remaining scout troop there are several more who are working toward their Eagle projects.

We realize that this journey will never actually come to an end because we have helped sponsor a group of fine young men who have proceeded through the scouting organization to its highest honor. These young men will soon graduate from high school and go on to college or other career paths taking with them not only their scouting background but an appreciation to those who helped along the way; their parents, their scout leaders, and the Worthington-Linworth Kiwanis Club whose sponsorship played an important part in their path.

The future is bright for this young group of Eagle Scouts and will continue as the Worthington-Linworth Kiwanis Club continues to support our Boy Scout troop and the many young Eagle Scouts to come.

Kiwanis Club of New Albany Honors Students of the Month

01/30/2015 - Club: New Albany - Submitted by: Deborah Moore

The New Albany chapter of Kiwanis, a global service and leadership organization, has instituted a program to recognize seniors with excellent academic, leadership, and service skills in our school and in the local community. The following students are to be congratulated for their recognition as Kiwanis Service Leadership Senior Students of the Month:

September: Reed Patrick and Jonathon Cox

Reed, the daughter of Ken and Tracey Patrick, is the founder of the 'Kids Here and There' Club and NAHS's 'Save Lids to Save Lives' competition. She is a leader of 'Help Our Planet's Environment' Club and the 'Unchained Fashion Show' held during Peace Week 2014. She
volunteers with the 'Buddy Up for Down Syndrome' tennis association and New Albany Special Olympics.

Jonathon, the son of Hiyon and Pamela Cox, is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council and the TEDx program at NAHS. He participates in indoor and outdoor track and field for NAHS. He volunteers with A Cappella Choir, his church choir and the Youth Board at his church.

**October: Hannah McCoy and John Guthrie**

Hannah, the daughter of Mike McCoy and Chris Mosier, is a member of Student Council, a leader for the Taylor House, and the vice president of NAHS Key Club. She is also a co-captain of the New Albany varsity cheerleading squad. She volunteers with Special Olympics and the CHA Animal Shelter.

John, the son of Jim and Lynn Guthrie, has been a counselor at camp Pilgrim Hills and is known for playing soccer with underclassmen during down time. He is a Youth Pastor and Youth Group leader at Havens Corners Church.

**November: Baylee Meyer and Matthew Trybus**

Baylee, the daughter of Paul Meyer and Victoria Meyer, is a house leader and a peer buddy. She volunteers with her church and with the program Gospel Road.

Matt, the son of Jerome and Paula Trybus, is Class Officer in the NAHS Key Club and is a Student Leader for the Spikeball Club and Student Section. He is also a baseball player. He volunteers with his church.

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**6th Annual Empty Bowl Dinner**

*01/28/2015 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Georgia Schuff*

The Kiwanis Club of Berea is holding its sixth Empty Bowl Soup Fundraiser on Friday, April 10, 2015, from 5 to 7 PM at the Berea-Midpark High School cafeteria. Tickets are $20 for adults, $10 for children 7-15, and free for ages 6 and under.

Dinner includes soup, salad, rolls, water, dessert, and a beautiful, unique handcrafted bowl. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to feed our community through Berea Community Outreach, Church Street Ministries, People's Community Church Food Pantry and Southwest Community Access Network.

This major fundraiser requires much time and effort from the members with help from students within the Berea-Midpark School District, Baldwin Wallace University with David Williamson (Art Dept. Chair), Cleveland Institute of Art with Kevin Kautenburger and renowned ceramic artist Allen Kradlak owner of AK studios.

The following restaurants and purveyors have graciously donated their time and energies for this purpose and we thank them:

- Bucci's Restaurants
- Cafe Ah-Roma
- Eastland Inn
- Mike's Bar and Grille
- Berea Union Depot
In 1990, a high school art teacher in Michigan and his students developed a class project, making ceramic bowls for a fundraising event. The students served guests a simple meal of soup and bread, and guests kept the bowl as a reminder of world hunger. Since that time, the concept developed into Empty Bowls, a fundraising activity that has raised millions of dollars for food banks, soup kitchens, shelters, and other organizations around the world.

**Aktion Club Helps Military Families**

01/18/2015 - **Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski**

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club collected, cut and sorted coupons for military families overseas. They collected coupons over several months and spent Sunday afternoon January 18, 2015 cutting and sorting coupons at Westlake Porter Library to be sent overseas. These coupons can be used at Post Exchanges up to six months out of date.