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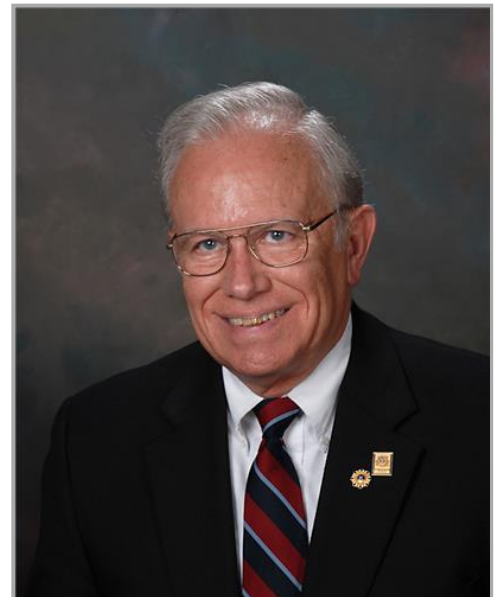
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Governor's Report

01/12/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

We are now in that time of the year when we may get forgetful. We may be starting to forget those New Year's resolutions. You remember, they were "lose weight", "exercise more", "get organized", and many others. One of the resolutions I hope everyone made was to continue to be involved in Kiwanis or maybe be more involved in Kiwanis. At the Ohio District Kiwanis installation, last September, I challenged every Kiwanis member present to get a new member. I gave everyone a half dollar as a reminder that they needed to get a new member. The challenge was that they could spend the half dollar when they brought in a new member. Do you still have your half dollar? Fifty-two clubs are showing a net "plus" in membership. Now is the time of the year that all Kiwanis clubs should be working on increasing membership. Does your Kiwanis club have a plan for bringing in new members? If not, get started right away. . Join the other clubs that are already showing a net "plus" in membership. New members are not the only way to grow Kiwanis. We need to also grow Kiwanis through new Kiwanis clubs. If you have a location for a new Kiwanis club, contact your Lt. Governor and the regional District Chair for membership/new club building. They will work with you on establishing a new club.



This is the third issue of the new Buckeye Bulletin. We are very proud of what we have been able to accomplish so far. The monthly publication of a truly electronic newsletter has been a goal for several years. Make sure all the members of your club get the newsletter electronically. Send a list of the e-mail addresses of your club members to the District Office in an Excel spreadsheet and District Secretary Dave will work on getting the Buckeye Bulletin to them. Also, when your club has an outstanding project, make sure you take a picture of the event and write an article for the Buckeye Bulletin. It's a great way to share information and ideas for club projects.

Make sure you remember to get your registration for the International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, in by January 31, 2011. After that date there will be a \$75.00 increase in the registration fee. Also, mark your calendar for the Mid-Year Education Day on March 12, 2011, at the Conference Center at Northpointe in Powell, Ohio. This is the same location as last year. This one day event is truly an outstanding opportunity to learn more about Kiwanis. The facility is fantastic and all food and refreshment breaks

are included in one price. More information about the conference is in another article in this bulletin.

District Secretary's Notes

01/19/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



District Convention Bids Requested

The Ohio District of Kiwanis International is soliciting bids for its 2013 and 2014 District Conventions. If your division (and the clubs in it) is interested in hosting a district convention, we have prepared a packet of information to outline what is involved in hosting a convention. All you need to do is call me in the District Office at (888) 827-8196 Extension 201 or email me at dave@ohiokiwani.org and I will send the information directly to you. We urge you to act quickly to insure your area receives full consideration.

Mid Year Education Day

Registration for the 2011 Ohio District Mid Year Education Day is now in full swing. You can register online by going to <http://www.ohiokiwani.org/> and click on the news article at the top right hand side of the page. The link to the online registration form, as well as links to print off hard copies of the registration form can be found in the article. We will have the Workshop schedule listed on the website in a few days. Please register soon as space is limited and last year we had a full house!

990 Tax Return Final Notice

As I told you in last month's Buckeye Bulletin, all Kiwanis Clubs (regardless of size) must file a Form 990, Form 990 EZ, or a Form 990-N with the Internal Revenue Service by no later than February 15, 2011. Failure to do so could result in loss of your Blanket Exemption from Federal Income Taxation. If you have any questions at all, please call me right away in the district office at the number shown in paragraph one of this article.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

2011 Mid Year Education Day Registration Opens

12/23/2010 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

The 2011 Mid Year Education Day will take place on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at The Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center. Additional information regarding the conference will be available in the next few weeks.

[Click here](#) to register online for the 2011 Ohio District Mid Year Education Day.

[Click here](#) to download a PDF copy of the 2011 Mid Year Registration Form.

[Click here](#) to download a PDF copy of the 2011 Mid Year Hotel Reservation Information.

Our Keynote Speaker this year will be Immediate Past International President Paul Palazzolo. Come and enjoy the Ohio District's primary Kiwanis education event of the

year.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

December Membership Report

01/12/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Membership Chairs

Fifty-two clubs are now a member of the leaders that have met the goal of having a "Plus" in membership as of the end of December. 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 seven Lieutenant Governors who had a "Plus" in membership for their Division as of December 31, 2010. Congratulations to Lieutenant Governors Jane Eaton (Division 1-N), Cory Briner (Division 1-S), Greg Halbe (Division 10-E), Dennis Murray (Division 11-N), Robert Panovich (Division 16), Lyndon Thomas (Division 17), and Jodee Ward (Division 24).

[Click Here](#) to review the membership leaders as of December 31, 2010.

Win with Kiwanis One Day!

01/13/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

Win with Kiwanis One Day!

Kiwanis One Day is April 2, 2011. What is Kiwanis One Day? Kiwanis One Day is a day set aside for all Kiwanians and Service Leadership Clubs to join together to serve their communities on one day. Your club's project can be large or small, but it will be made extra special with all of the other clubs doing service on the same day.

You can WIN with Kiwanis One Day.

Once again, Kiwanis International is having a contest for clubs to submit their projects for this year's Kiwanis One Day project. Submit your plans online at www.kiwanisone.org by **February 15, 2011**. The winning club will have its project professionally videotaped. A professionally produced video will be provided to the club to use for recruitment, promotion and more. The video also will be posted on the Kiwanis International's website and the Kiwanis channel on YouTube. The prize would be a great way to promote your club to the community and all of the great things you do!



Everyone can WIN with Kiwanis One Day.

Adding an extra service project to your club's calendar will help increase membership interest and will continue to help your community. Involving Key Club or Builders Club helps teach students the importance of service and teamwork. More service, more winners.

For more information and ideas about Kiwanis One Day, visit www.kiwanisone.org. Feel free to contact me with your questions and share your clubs project with me at jldefrance@gmail.com.

Aktion Club 2011 Spotlight

01/12/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sande Johnson



Aktion Clubs of Ohio are beginning 2011 with some new and exciting changes.

Congratulations to our new Ohio Aktion Council members

For the first time, a District Aktion Council has been set-up. Members of the council are Aktion Club members from around the Ohio District that have been elected by their peers to represent them throughout the 2010-11 Ohio Aktion Club year. The Ohio Aktion Council members were elected during the Ohio Aktion Convention at the end of August. Seven members will comprise the new Ohio Aktion Council and held their first meeting with advisors during the convention. They have already made some decisions.

T-shirt design contest will be held during the 2011 Ohio Aktion Convention. The winning design will be used for the 2012 Ohio Aktion Convention t-shirts.

Ohio Aktion Council has decided to purchase

Teddy Bears with the Ohio Aktion Club logo with the funds raised through the Ohio District Foundation's "Walk the Magic Mile" Project in 2009. Final decisions will be made during the first of the Council's teleconference calls in February, 2012.

Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference will be held in March, 2012 in Columbus. We are trying to arrange a time for Ohio Aktion Club advisors – and Aktion Council members if possible – at that time. More on this later, but please plan on attending Mid-Year Conference.

Note for Kiwanis Advisors:

We are updating meeting days and times for all Ohio Aktion clubs. Please email the name of your club, advisors, contact information as well as meeting days and times to sande419@yahoo.com. I am hoping to make visits to as many clubs as possible this year.

If you have not already paid dues for your Aktion club this year, please do so as soon as possible. If you still have not received your password to complete the invoice - or if you're not sure if your club needs to pay dues this year, please call me at 419.672.9360 or email me at sande419@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

We're looking forward to a great 2011!

Sande Johnson
2010-11 Aktion Club Administrator

Is Your Circle K Club the Host with the most?

01/11/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sarah Roush

The Ohio Circle K district is blessed with having such strong Kiwanis family support. Our sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs are known for helping fund students expenses for Open Houses, District Events and even International Conventions and Large Scale Service Projects. But occasionally, we wish there was something we could do other than opening

the wallet to help our students. Actually there is.

Each year, the Ohio District has three separate events that are hosted by a different Circle K club. Two are held on campus, SpOT (Spring Officers Training) and Fall Rally (a combination educational and service event) and then there is District Convention which is typically held at a hotel.



Each year, clubs interested in hosting an event must submit a bid, complete with a theme, activities/workshop ideas, a sample budget and letter showing that they have the support of not only their club, but their sponsoring Kiwanis Club. This is not saying that the Kiwanis Club is going to foot the bill, but rather provide support to the event chair with finding resources to make the event successful. This can take form in helping to line up community based service projects, lining up speakers or helping with demonstrations. Not only will your club be doing service in the form of mentoring, but your Circle K club will become even stronger from hosting the event.

We are currently looking for bids for the 2011 Fall Rally, the 2012 DCON and 2012 SpOT. Talk to your Circle K club about being the host for one of these events. Keep in mind that while each event has a single chair appointed to the board, that person can have additional assistants, much like the Kiwanis DCON and MidYear Chair does. Work with the club strengths. A Communications major would be great for developing promotional items, such as the DCON shirt, advertising and informational bullets for the PACESETTER. An education major would be a great person to coordinate workshops and speakers, while a business student can help develop a budget and so on. Not only is this a great way for the club to work together, but it is a nice way to add to their college resume. So, please encourage your Circle K to step up and host an event.

If you don't have a Circle K club, but are interested in helping with these events, you can do that with in-kind donations such as bottled water, donations of notebook paper, folders and ink pens (for workshops), supplies for service projects, and so on. Donations to the KICK fund which helps offset the costs of these events. Contributions to the KICK fund are drastically down this year and we are anxious about being able to provide the support to the organization that we have in the past. If your club is considering making a donation to KICK, please contact the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation soon. If you wish to make a donation online, visit www.odkf.org. Please make certain to contact the Foundation Secretary to earmark donations to KICK or else they will go into the Foundation's general fund .

Photo: Members of the Marietta Circle K Club make Valentines for a local nursing home.

Your Ohio Foundation at Work!

01/13/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sande Johnson, ODKF Publicity Chair

ODKF Foundation Grants Awarded

The Ohio Kiwanis District Foundation has approved two new grants.

1. The **Oxford Kiwanis Club (Div 5)** received \$1,000 for their "Reach Out and Read" program.

The program encourages early childhood literacy development by providing age



appropriate books to children coming into the pediatrician's office for their well child visits from birth through age 5. As support for the program, local volunteers read to the children while they wait in the waiting room for their visit. A typical year has between 500 and 700 children seen by the pediatrician with between 450 and 500 books given out.

2. The **Fairfield Kiwanis Club (Div 5)** received \$1,000 for Bike Helmets for Kids Safety Fair from Pediatric Trauma Grant Funds.

One of the events at the Safety Fair is a Bike Rodeo where kids are paired with a police officer who walks them through a course where they learn about bike safety including "rules of the road". While they are riding, police officers talk to them about the importance of always wearing a helmet to prevent head injuries. Once the course is completed, the child is presented a free bike helmet.

There is still time to get your club's grant application submitted. The next club grant deadline is **March 31, 2011**. Grant forms can be found on the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation website at <http://www.odkf.org/>

Board Member Elections

The board of the Foundation is seeking persons interested in serving as members of the board. Deadline for nominations is February 15. Please contact Nominations Chair Don Parker at dparker2@columbus.rr.com or 614-876-5251

Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing

The annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing will be held on July 20th & 21st at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Canton, Ohio. All teams participate in a scramble format. The cost is \$80.00 per player and includes lunch, golf, and dinner. \$20.00 of each registration is tax deductible as are sponsorships. The outing is open to all Kiwanians and guests. Team registrations will be available soon online at <http://www.odkf.org/>. Golf Outing sponsorships are also available beginning at \$100. This is a great way to advertise your business to a large number of people throughout the 3 days of golf. Questions may be directed to Bill Flinta at 330.923.0454.

All members of Ohio Kiwanis are members of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. The mission of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is to raise, manage, and distribute funds to support programs of Ohio District Kiwanis family organizations for the improvement of lives of individuals.

Why your International Foundation is Important!

01/13/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Len Abrams

I'm often asked why clubs should give to The Kiwanis International Foundation. Well, there are many reasons. As a perfect example I just received word that, as a result of your generous Annual Campaign Gifts last year, we have received 2 scholarships for our sponsored youth. These will be



matched by our District Foundation. In addition there were numerous foundation/district/club partnerships that underwrote projects around the world and here in The United States. These projects are usually of a nature that are too large for individual clubs or districts to handle.

Local examples are many, but one is the project of The Rocky River Middle School designed to meet the problem of bullying. This project has been funded in part by The Metro-West Kiwanis Club, Cleveland and your International Foundation.

Your International Foundation is the vehicle for Kiwanis to "reach out" to those disasters we seem to be experiencing each year. NOW is the time to make your club's commitment to this year's campaign. Contact me at 330-465-4690 or lhachfc@yahoo.com if you have questions or need information. You can also download a campaign brochure from www.kiwanis.org/foundation.

Thanks again, as always, for your past support.

Len Abrams
2010-11 District Chair
Kiwanis International Foundation

On Fire For Growth

01/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Amy Zimmerman



Greetings Ohio District Kiwanians and Happy New Year! We are now a few months into our Kiwanis year and the District Membership Team wants to share some highlights with you and to ask you to share your Kiwanis moment with at least one new potential member so that your club can be +1 at the end of this Kiwanis year as Governor John challenges all of us!

Ohio District Kiwanis currently has 52 Clubs in the Ohio District that are +1 or better and 7 Divisions in the Ohio District +1 or better. What can you do to help your club be +1 this year? Check out the Kiwanis webpage (www.kiwanisone.org) for information about

- Reveal your growth potential
- Build a new club
- Recruit new members
- Improve your club
- Start a Kiwanis Service Leadership Program

Upcoming Webinars (<http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=380>)

- February 8, 8pm EST - Retention: Till Death Do We Part
- March 8, 8pm EST - Succession Planning
- March 29, 8pm EST - Sponsoring New Club Orientation
- April 11, 7pm EST: **Ohio District Membership and New Club Building - Planning Membership Month Activities**
- April 21, 8pm EST - 101: Growing the Kiwanis Family Through Reconnecting

On January 15th, we had nearly 40 Kiwanians in the greater Cincinnati area come out for a Kiwanis International Membership Growth Summit with the goal to take their club from

Good to Great! Look for a Membership Growth Summit in your area or contact your regional Membership Growth and New Club Building Chair for assistance growing your club membership:

- Katie Rennard (Div 14-15-16-20-22-25)
- Denise Allen (Div 1N, 1S, 2, 12, 13, 24)
- Kathy Kelch (Div 9,17,18,21)
- Eric Bush (Div 10E, 10S, 10W, 11N, 11S)
- Amy Zimmerman (Div 3,4,5,6,7,8)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Join us on April 11th, 2011 at 7PM, for a special Ohio District Kiwanis Webinar featuring a panel discussion facilitated by KI Growth Coordinator Lanton Lee to share best practices for membership drives and using electronic resources and social media to attract new members.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AT MID-YEAR:

This year at Ohio District Kiwanis Mid-Year in Columbus, all first time attendees will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for a free registration to Ohio District Convention! Encourage new members to learn more about Kiwanis by sponsoring them to attend this educational and fun 1 day event!

Amy Zimmerman
Regional Membership Growth and
New Club Building Chair

Club News

Kiwanis Club of Lima go Caroling

01/13/2011 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Ginny German

The Kiwanis Club of Lima went caroling at Baton Rouge on Dec 23rd. Even the staff at Baton Rouge joined in! We truly enjoyed visiting the residents and signing for them.



An easy fundraising project

01/10/2011 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Larry Gilliland

For several years, the Berea Club has had success selling Giant Eagle Gift Cards.

The Club purchases the cards at a discount (5% for a \$5000 order) and resells them at

face value. We do this through the Berea Kiwanis Charitable Fund, so the funds are earmarked for scholarships.

With the price of gas going up, the gift cards make money for the club, increase Giant Eagle sales and add to the fuel perks members can use. We highlight using the gift cards for restaurant gift card purchases, Christmas/Birthday gifts etc. Further when a member is making a major purchase (stove, refrigerator, tv etc) if the member buys the gift cards in bulk he gets a big fuel perk and the club makes a big profit.

If a club tries this, it is suggested that Giant Eagle ship the cards to a business address so that there is no chance of their being lost.

Santa's Helpers

01/09/2011 - Club: West Alexandria - Submitted by:

With the help of the Aurora Kiwanis Club, the West Alexandria Kiwanis Club launched a new service project for children.

The West Alexandria club had a Christmas project for over 50 years in connection with the county children's home. After the group home was changed to foster homes, the club was looking for a new Christmas service project for children.



This year, the Club started the "Dial-A-Santa" project for children. Although we started small, we were very satisfied with the results. During two evenings, over 80 children were able to talk to Santa. There was very little cost with the only investment being the time of the Kiwanis members.

We feel sure this will grow in future years and has been a great new project in our service to children. Thanks to the Aurora Kiwanis Club for all your help.

Weekly Bread Run Helps Treatment Center Residents

12/28/2010 - Club: Hilliard - Submitted by: Carol Parker



For Immediate Release
Hilliard Kiwanis Club Members Deliver Bread to Treatment Center
December 27, 2010

Two dedicated members of the Hilliard Kiwanis Club, Don Patterson, and George Clark have been arriving at the Bethel Road Panera store in Columbus just before closing each and every Thursday for nearly two years. With assistance from store personnel they gather up the closing time left over bread, bagels, and pastry and deliver it to a drug treatment center on the near east side of Columbus. At times, the two receive several large bags of bagels and bread.

Once loaded into Don's car or George's pickup truck, the two make the trip from the northwest side of Columbus to the near east side, a freeway trip of 12 miles and about 18 minutes drive time.

Upon arrival at the Bell Center, grateful residents of the facility welcome Don and George and carry the breads and pastry inside. The residents find the bread, bagels, and pastry a welcome addition to

their breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus. As one resident said, "We are blessed that these two gentlemen care enough to do this not just now and then but every week." One of the center employees added that the donation really makes a difference since the quality of the food is so high that the residents look forward to it.

The Bell Center drug treatment center is a residential, long-term treatment facility for men. Through therapy and education at Bell Center, individuals are rehabilitated and return to society.

After dropping off the donation, the two men make the 20-25 minute drive back home to the Hilliard and Dublin areas. When asked why they do it, George Clark simply replied, "It's just something we do." Don Patterson said, "Why wouldn't we do it? We don't want all this perfectly good food to go into the dumpster when there are people out there who need it and will appreciate it."

The Panera store personnel look forward to the visit by Don and George each week, welcoming them with a cup of coffee and conversation.

Christmas party

12/27/2010 - Club: Richmond Heights - Submitted by: James Giarelli

Richmond Heights Kiwanis club hosted its 36th annual Christmas Party on December 16th. Invitations were sent out to the public and 96 adults and 26 children were in attendance. A great meal was served and Santa gave gifts to all the children.

We always try to recruit new members at our socials and as a result we were able to convince 3 potential members to attend our next meeting.

James Giarelli
Secretary

Ada Kiwanis Annual Christmas Luncheon

12/20/2010 - Club: Ada - Submitted by: Heather Cox



Members and guests of the Ada Kiwanis Club met for the club's annual Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 noon on Tuesday December 14th.

Prior to the luncheon, children from Head Start were treated to a visit from Santa Claus, and his helper (Ada Kiwanis Members) who presented each child with a special gift of books for the holiday season.

The balance of the luncheon was spent with the club's annual auction, where over 50 items were awarded to successful bidders. Money from the auction will go to helping families in need this Holiday season.

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

Turkey Trot Fundraiser a Success

12/17/2010 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn

In spite of extremely heavy rains, the Kiwanis Club of Warren successfully hosted its 32nd Annual Turkey Trot (5 mile run and 2 mile fun walk/run) on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 25, at the Trumbull Campus of Kent State University in Warren.

Turkey Trot Chair Greg Yurco said that there were 2,442 registered runners, an increase of 137 from last year's event in spite of the uncooperative weather.

"This is our club's largest fund-raising activity each year," said Yurco. "The race is a Thanksgiving tradition for many, and is the largest such event in the tri-county area. We are very thankful to everyone who has made our thirty-second year possible."

Last year, \$15,000 was raised for Kiwanis charitable donations through participant registration fees and corporate sponsorships.

"We couldn't hope to offer an event of this magnitude without the financial support of the participants and our corporate sponsors," Yurco said, "and we thank them all for their continuing involvement in the race. We're also grateful for the assistance of our many, many volunteers, and our friends at the Kent State University Trumbull Campus, and for the cooperation of local law enforcement. Race Director Ted Rupe is also key to our success."

"We have a number of families who make this an annual event," Yurco said. "It's an activity that all ages can enjoy – it promotes good health – and it raises money for charity. What more could you want on a Thanksgiving morning?"

To view race results from the 2010 event, visit www.warrenkiwanis.org