HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! It’s a wonderful time for all of us to start new things and renew our efforts on important things. I have my resolutions for the year. They are that 1) the Governor and the District will continue to help your club achieve your goals, 2) I can work on 60 of your club’s projects this year (just ask me) and 3) by year’s end we will be able to help 12,000 Ohio children, who have been removed to foster care, through the First Lady’s Project and 1.1 million women in the third world through pledges and donations to Eliminate Maternal/Neo-natal Tetanus (MNT).

What are your New Year’s resolutions for your club? I hope they include a new service project, and retaining existing members and adding new members to support it. Service is your club’s legacy – I encourage you to keep the legacy going! We are the only ones who can do it for our own clubs. And we want to help you with that.

We have several regional growth summits over the next few weeks around the state and, on March 10th, there are great forums, a terrific keynote speaker and a lot of fun at Mid Year Education Day. See related articles in this issue.

We truly appreciate your generous support of Project Backpack (the First Lady’s project) and the international service project to Eliminate Maternal/Neo-natal Tetanus (MNT). And I hope that each of you will continue to be supportive of these special projects. They will truly help the children of Ohio and the world.

Please know that your service as Kiwanians is recognized and does make a difference in the lives of the children in your community and in the world.

REMEMBER: YOU ARE THE KEY – TO YOUR CLUB’S SERVICE, TO YOUR CLUB’S GROWTH & TO YOUR CLUB’S SUCCESS.

Cheryl and I wish you all the best and great success in this new year! We truly thank you for the service you give to your community and for giving Cheryl and I this opportunity to serve you.

Bill Snellgrove
**District Secretary's Notes**

01/19/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

**Mid Year Education Day**

Registration for the 2012 Ohio District Mid Year Education Day is now in full swing. 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, as well as links to print off hard copies of the registration forms can be found on the Mid Year Education Day page on the left side menu of the home page. 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!

**Smart Phone App Introduced by Kiwanis International**

Last week, Governor Bill Snellgrove, First Lady Cheryl Snellgrove, and I were in New Orleans attending the International Council Meeting. Discussion topics at the meeting included bylaw issues likely to appear at the upcoming International Convention in New Orleans, plus the work being done to develop a new “Standard Form” for Club Bylaws. You should hear more about these items at the Mid Year Education Day. In addition, it was announced that Kiwanis International had developed a new Kiwanis App for iPhones and Android phones. It has many features that all Kiwanians should want to have at their disposal. You will also hear more about this at the upcoming Mid Year Education Day, but if you have one of these phones, I would suggest you download the app now and see how it can help you! It is available in the iPhone App Store or in the Android Market. Apps are also available for Key Club and Circle K.

**990 Tax Return Final Notice**

As I reminded you again 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, 2012. 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

**Growth Summits Approaching Fast!**

01/06/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Fil Line

Membership Growth Summits are upon us!! As of this writing, 6 of them are scheduled, as follows:
If you have not registered for one of these informative sessions, designed to demonstrate how you can grow your Club’s membership and increase your service, it’s not too late. You can just show up at the one that is most convenient for you and your schedule. There will be a nominal charge, in the range of $3-5 to cover snacks, etc. Lanton Lee, Kiwanis International representative for the Ohio District, will be the featured presenter. Governor Bill and I will also participate in the program. Several more sessions will be scheduled in parts of the District not yet covered.

**Membership Growth Contest Update**
The December 31 membership numbers are mildly encouraging. The Membership Growth Contest uses Oct. 31 numbers as the starting point and several Clubs are up by 5-7 members, a number of others are up by 2-3. There is a lot of time until the contest ends as of Aug. 31, but the sooner your Club can get to the plus side the better your chances of qualifying for one of the Growth Contest awards, supporting your Club’s commitment to the ELIMINATE Project. The District is up by 21 members in the same time frame so you can see that some Clubs have lost a member or two in the last couple of months. If you need help getting a membership growth program underway for your Club, please contact your Regional Membership Growth Coordinator. Your Club President or Lt. Governor has that contact information or you can contact the District office.

Fil Line
Ohio District Chair
Membership Growth & New Club Building

**Ohio Aktion Club News!**

*01/19/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sande Johnson Theis*

**Ohio Aktion Clubs** are looking forward to a wonderful new year in 2012. With 2 new clubs started this year, we're on the way!

A couple of quick items -

We're trying to update information for all Aktion Clubs in Ohio with Advisor email and phone number, meeting day, time and place. If you are an advisor or sponsoring club, please try and get this
information to me ASAP so we can keep the communications flowing and make visits between clubs possible.

Keep the date of the Ohio Aktion Convention on your calendar! Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26 are the 2012 dates for this year's convention. Registration is $50/member and includes all meals, t-shirts, awards and more. There is a discount for anyone providing direct care to members such as pushing a wheelchair, feeding or medical support. Fundraisers are suggested for helping members with registration costs. **Be sure to register early!!**

- There will be a lot of new, fun items on the agenda for this year's convention, as well as much needed officer training.
- Keep track of your club's favorite service project to submit for the service project of the year award.
- We will be saving pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House again this year. Be sure to ask your sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs to help you save up. There will be a trophy for the Aktion Club that brings the most pop tabs to convention.

To submit Aktion Club information, or for more information on starting or maintaining an Aktion Club, please feel free to contact me at **419.672.9360** or by email at [sande419@yahoo.com](mailto:sande419@yahoo.com).

Sande Johnson Theis
2011-12 Aktion Club Administrator

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**You are the Key - Unlock the Possibilities**

01/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger

"To Community Service, to Service Leadership, to Club Growth, to your Club’s Success."

This is the motto that Governor Bill Snellgrove has chosen for the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year. How do I unlock the possibilities to greater success in all of these areas? One way would be to take advantage of any learning and growth opportunity that is available to me and then use that experience to affect my own personal commitment to Kiwanis and the success of my club. **Mid-Year Education Day** is a good place to start. Here are a few programs that will be offered that day.

**Club Growth In Action** will be a panel discussion of 5 clubs, led by Past Governor Jack Hilborn that discusses the ways that their Clubs have consistently grown over the years. Jack will moderate this informative session and send you home with more ideas that you can possibly use. This forum was enthusiastically endorsed by members attending the District Convention in Toledo. The faces and voices are different, but the format remains the same. Don’t miss this one! We all need more members to do more service!

**The Eliminate Project** will be presented in three very different formats at Mid-Year Education Day. Dr. John Button, former vice-chair of the Eliminate Project and a retired 30 year physician/gynecologist, will discuss the medical aspects of and the need to
eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide. In *Best Ideas and Suggested Practices for Saving Lives through the Eliminate Project*, Multi-Division Chairs Amy Zimmerman, Rita Corbin, and Tim Mohr, along with their participating clubs, will discuss how and why they decided to save lives on a large scale. This will be a great question and answer session to help clubs understand the project and make a decision on giving. **Eliminate** will also be featured at a table in the display area at Mid-Year.

How would you like to take home some great projects and the simple directions on how to make or do them? This is not a “sit and take notes” session. Participants will actually make items and take them out the door! That way, when you get back to your home club you will be able to show your members exactly what you made. Past Governor Sharon O’Neal and Mid-Year Chair Diana Keplinger, will present a unique Kiwanis **Make It and Take It** forum that will be fun and interactive. Projects for fundraising and service will be included. You won’t want to miss this one either!

What I have described is a small sample of the 24 educational forums that will be available at Mid-Year Education Day. The topics cover leadership, growth, technology, club management, Service Leadership, and much more.

Attending Mid-Year Education Day is a great way to learn many new things about Kiwanis. However, to me the most important reason for attending is the fellowship. The world of Kiwanis starts outside of your club. The folks that you have yet to meet are the real gems of the organization. I have made so many wonderful friends that I only see at District events. The schedule allows plenty of time to visit and renew old friendships. The conference location provides comfortable areas to sit, chat, and enjoy Kiwanis friends. That is the highlight of the day for me.

If I follow my own advice I would definitely want to attend the Mid-Year Education Day that is planned for the District on Saturday, March 10th, at North Pointe Conference Center in Lewis Center. Registration forms, as well as a link to register online, are available now on our District Website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org). Don’t delay. You won’t want to miss this. I’ll see you there!

Diana Keplinger
Mid-Year Education Day Chair

**Have you ordered your Kiwanis One Day shirt yet??**

*01/13/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance*

As announced in the December issue of the Buckeye Bulletin, Ohio Kiwanis One Day Shirts are being sold to benefit The ELIMINATE Project. $2 from each shirt will be donated! Ohio Kiwanis One Day shirts are $10-$12, depending on size. Shirts which will be Navy blue with white print will be available for pick up at the Mid Year Convention on March 10th or can be shipped for $5 per shirt. For an order form, please contact me at 330-591-8388. Paid orders must be received at the Ohio District Kiwanis Office by Friday, February 17th. The registration form is available on the Ohio District Kiwanis website.

[Click here](#) to open a PDF order form for our Kiwanis One Day Shirt.
So, now that you are ready to make a fashion statement on Kiwanis One Day, April 21, 2012, your club needs to start planning a fabulous event. Kiwanis One Day is just three short months away. Your club needs to pick a project, invite Service Leadership Program (SLP) participants and community leaders to help with the project, and make the appropriate plans for the project. This can be a lot of work. Luckily, there are great resources on www.kiwanis.org that can lead you through planning service events, press releases, advertisements, and more.

April is a great time to adopt a park, sidewalk, road, playground or neighborhood to clean up. Working with animals at a shelter or rehabilitation center is a great way to engage Builders Club or Key Club members. Get involved with the First Lady’s project and collect items for the backpacks at a local store like Target or Walmart. Food pantries always need food donations. Earth Day is the very next day, so your club can do an environmental awareness project, plant trees, clean streams or rivers, and more for an Earth Day/Kiwanis One Day event. There are so many great ways to do service in the Spring, and I encourage you to continue a successful project from the past or find a new one to try on this very special day. (And remember, the project will be complete when you are all sporting great Kiwanis One Day shirts!)

Yours in Service,
Jennifer DeFrance
Kiwanis One Day Chair

Who Will Be The Winner...?

01/12/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sarah Roush

The Circle K Administrative year is fast approaching the end for 2011-12. Our convention will be the last weekend of February and registration, and ad sponsorship forms are available online at www.ohiocki.org. Also online is the contest packet with awards for everything from outstanding members, officers, service projects and newsletters. There is also a form called the James Kneisel Outstanding Kiwanis Sponsor Form. This document serves a dual purpose, it helps recognize the Kiwanis club that takes the idea of mentorship seriously. These are the clubs that attend their SLP meetings, service projects and fundraisers. They invite the members of said SLP to reciprocate with their sponsoring Kiwanis Club and encourage them to develop a working relationship between the two. It also provides a road map for Kiwanis Clubs who want to be more involved.

Many times, Kiwanis Club build a SLP Club and then after a few years, they stop attending the Circle K meetings, or the Key Club events or the Builders Club Projects. They leave the K-Kids advisorship to the staff members at the school and the Kiwanis Family relationship withers and eventually the SLP club falters and dies. It’s easy to do, but we must keep in mind that each year – every one of these clubs have at least a 25% turnover in membership. It is a constant responsibility of the sponsoring Kiwanis Club to educate the new leaders of that club and to encourage the new members of that club to envision what leadership skills they have to offer. Planning activities, offering financial support when needed, giving advice and encouraging new growth – those are our jobs – as Kiwanis mentors.

Here are some of the questions on the Outstanding Kiwanis Sponsor Form:

1. What percentage of club meetings were attended by a Kiwanis member?
2. Was there a joint activity to help in commemoration of CKI Service Week and Kiwanis One Day in particular?
3. List all joint activities other than service projects
4. How many service projects were attended by Kiwanis Club members?
5. Please give an example of a display of leadership from the Kiwanis Club.
6. And finally... “Submit an essay describing how the Kiwanis Club assisted the Circle K Club throughout the year by serving as outstanding role models”. 
These questions could apply to any and all of our student leadership programs. How would your sponsored club answer? Make a commitment now, to make it a real challenge to select who would be the winner of this particular contest – for all of our clubs. Then we will all be winners.

Eliminate = Talk About Saving Lives

01/12/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.

ELIMINATE = TALK ABOUT SAVING LIVES

By now, all of you reading this know that Eliminate is about saving lives of mothers and their unborn children, and all for $2 each! It is a monumental and extremely important achievement, and we want all Kiwanians to be a part of this exciting event. In order to do that, the Eliminate team and I have established new and exciting goals that will carry us through the end of this Kiwanis year of September 30.

1. CLUB LEVEL - On the club level, we are asking every club to commit to purchasing and/or pledging one new Zeller between now and September 30. Each individual Zeller will save 625 lives; and that is approximately 152,500 lives saved district-wide!

2. DIVISION LEVEL - On the division level, we are asking every division to commit to one Model Club per division. With each Model club saving approximately 25,000 lives, that would equate to the Ohio District saving 625,000 lives!

Please contact your regional coordinator if you are planning on awarding/pledging a Zeller or Model club donation so that appropriate times may be given to you and your club being recognized - locally, at Mid Year or even at District convention. For more information or to set up a program for your club, contact District coordinator Cindy Champer at 419/350-0477; or CindyChamper@aol.com. Thanks for all that all of you are doing to save lives through Eliminate!

Ohio District Foundation Recognizes Legion of Honor Society Members

01/11/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Faith Levine, PR Chair ODKF

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation has initiated a new program to recognize Legion of Honor Society members with membership in the Circles of Excellence, Leadership and Achievement. The Legion of Honor Society recognizes over 1,400 Kiwanis members in Ohio who have achieved 25 or more years of service and every 5 years thereafter. Those who have served in their communities through their Kiwanis membership are invited to join one of our Legion of Honor Society Circles.

Circle of Excellence with a gift of $20 per year of membership
Circle of Leadership with a gift of $10 per year of membership
Circle of Achievement with a gift of $5 per year of membership

We also invite Kiwanis Clubs to honor their members by making them a member of one of these circles. To obtain a list of club members eligible for Legion of Honor or if you have questions, please call 330-345-5316 or email the ODKF Secretary.

An honor pin will be provided to each donor who joins the one of the Circles. Members will be recognized in our annual report, announced at our annual meeting and posted on our website.

The Ohio Kiwanis District Foundation is committed to perpetuating the excellent service projects throughout the district by providing annual grants and scholarships of $40,000 this year. In the last 25 years we have distributed almost $300,000. The gifts of Legion of Honor Society members will enable us to continue to support Ohio District Kiwanis Clubs.

More information regarding this program is available at www.odkf.org.

A gift to the children of the world

01/09/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Len Abrams

NOW is the time for your club to send its support for the Kiwanis International Foundation and its support of the children of the world. Each year numerous clubs like one in Texas, and here in Ohio, receive grants that are geared to major projects to benefit children around the globe. A Texas club received a grant to de-worm 75% of children between the ages of 2 and 5 in Guatemala. Closer to home, an Ohio District Club received a grant to teach parents how to reinforce positive behavior development in their children.

Each year your foundation depends on its Annual Gift Campaign to fund these many fine works. The foundation looks to each club for support at a very modest level. Our objective is $5 per member, however participation is the real goal. If 100% of our clubs participated our monetary goal of $30,000 could be easily reached. So far this year we are struggling having raised only $1,035 compared to $4,878 last year at this time. So NOW is the time to kick your campaign into gear and send your support to KIF. You can find complete information at www.kiwanis.org/foundation. If you have questions and want a local contact, you can reach me at lhachfc@yahoo.com or call me at 330-465-4690. As always we sincerely appreciate the efforts and contributions by all Ohio District Clubs.

Len Abrams
2011-12 District chair
Kiwanis International Foundation

Club News

Bellevue Kiwanis Supports Marine Biology Class
The Kiwanis Club of Bellevue had the privilege of visiting the Marine Biology classroom of David Bowers as their program on Jan 17. Members of Kiwanis got the idea after reading the article in the Gazette about the shark study being done by member David Wallingford’s daughter Emily. The club was able to view the classroom, salt water tanks and have a short talk about the projects in which the students are involve. After the program Kiwanis presented a check to David Bowers and Emily Schaffer, a student of the Independent Study Program and a partner with Emily Wallingford in the shark study. Kiwanis was impressed with the dedication and hard work of teacher and students in this class.

Janet Scagnetti – 419-483-3152

Picture – R-L - Richard Dundore, sect. of Kiwanis, Chris Walter, Pres. of Kiwanis, Student, Emily Schaffer and teacher David Bowers

Photograph by Ralph Enstad

**Broadview Hts. K-Kids Flag Presentation**

*01/19/2012 - Club: Broadview Heights Area - Submitted by: Cindy McCarty*

Pictured: Mrs. Giulivo, Kevin Giulivo, Army Captain Beth McCluskey, William Giulivo

Captain Beth McCluskey visited K-Kids at Assumption Academy in Broadview Hts. to present a flag that flew over Tigris on July 4, 2011 at 256th Combat Support Hospital, Bravo Company from Ohio. With support from Kiwanis of Broadview Hts., K-Kids provided 160 flags to the Combat Support Hospital to help boost morale of the soldiers from Ohio.
Parma Area Morning Kiwanis Welcome Ted Coons

01/18/2012 - Club: Parma Area Morning - Submitted by: Joe Germana

Parma Area Morning Kiwanis President Joe Germana welcomed Ohio District Foundation Executive Director Theodore W. “Ted” Coons who recently visited the club with an important special announcement about MNT. The Eliminate Project, that Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. It will take US$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

In addition to MNT Ted discussed the need to also support the Ohio District Foundation whose particular focus on Pediatric Prevention and Service Leadership Training programs including Key Club, Builders Club, Kiwanis Kids and Key Leader.

Ted Coons, in his fourth year as Executive Director of the Ohio District Foundation, recently announced his retirement to be effective after this Kiwanis Administrative year. He was on a tour of Ohio promoting the Foundation. In appreciation for his visit, Joe Germana presented Ted with a check for an Ambassador Program Donation to support the Ohio District Foundation.

The Parma AM Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings for breakfast at 7:15am in the upstairs dining room of the Greenbrier Retirement Center 6457 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 or e-mail joe.germana@gmail.com.

AIMBF ADDS $$$ TO AHS BAND

01/18/2012 - Club: Downtown Athens - Submitted by: CLIFF HOUK

The annual Athens Invitational Marching Band Festival (AIMBF) over its 37 years of life has added over $300,000 to the Athens City Schools Instrumental Music program. It is the 4th longest running festival sanctioned by the Ohio Music Educators Association.
High school marching bands may compete to earn a superior rank to move on to the annual State OMEA contest to compete with bands throughout Ohio that have earned a Superior ranking from other festivals. The AIMBF is a joint venture between the Downtown Athens Kiwanis Club, AHS Band Boosters and the Chauncey-Dover Lions Club.

The first festival held in 1974 drew 35 competing bands. The stadium did not have lights so it was truly a Dawn to Dusk activity. With such financial success many school systems have formed festivals of their own to the point that the AIMBF has drawn only 15 or fewer bands recently. However, it has shown that with as few as 9 bands a healthy profit occurs thanks to the generous support of the citizens & businesses of Athens.

**KIWANIS/PANCAKES/APPLEBEES**

01/18/2012 - Club: Downtown Athens - Submitted by: CLIFF HOUK

The Downtown Athens Kiwanis Club held its 1st pancake day hosted by Applebees restaurant Oct.29, 7:30-9:30AM. Applebees staff does ALL THE FOOD PREPARATION. Club members serve the pancakes, sausage and beverages; bus the tables; wash the dishes and wrap the tableware for the regular lunchtime customers. Club members and local Celebrities serve as waiters. Applebees provides 500 tickets@$5 to be sold by club members. The club keeps ALL the money plus any tips left for the waiters.

The funds raised are used to pay for the Smart Start Kits that we give to every Kindergarten student in Athens County. The kit consists of a colorful plastic box with a 12 ct. box of crayons, Elmers glue stick, pencil & scissors. We have distributed over 8,400 kits in the last 12 yrs. Every student starts school with the same kit. No one is left out. Our fund raising projects have helped to raise the $19,000 cost of the kits.

**Northwest Kiwanis Assists Boulevard in Christmas Food Drive**

01/18/2012 - Club: Northwest Columbus - Submitted by: Jim Cowardin

Several members of the Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus and their sponsored Key Club and Builders clubs from Grandview Heights experienced a genuine dose of the Christmas Spirit by taking part in the Boulevard Presbyterian Church of Grandview's food drive. This service project has become an annual tradition with the club which contributes both financially and with over twenty hours of service to the project. On Saturday, December 17th, members of the extended Northwest Kiwanis Family helped fill the food baskets and on Sunday they delivered them to designated homes. Other service clubs and even another church assist Boulevard Presbyterian in making it a better Christmas for over three hundred families and over a thousand children.

**Kirtland Kiwanis To Hold "Italian Feast & Night at the Races" event**

01/17/2012 - Club: Kirtland - Submitted by: Bill Pastor

This popular Kirtland Kiwanis Club fundraiser will again be held Saturday, February 18th
at the Kirtland Party Center in Kirtland Ohio. The annual "Italian Feast and Night at the Races" is second only to the Kirtland Strawberry Festival as a fund raising event. A donation of $25.00 per ticket will enable the attendee to enjoy wonderful Italian food served in a buffet style dinner with beverages included. Doors open at 6:00PM with Horse Races and raffle items and other fun activities beginning at 7:30PM. Admission includes 5 complimentary raffle tickets. For tickets contact Rick Fox at 440-256-8488.

The "Italian Feast" has been an annual Kirtland event for over 25 years. The event resulted from a couple of prior Kirtland Kiwanians arguing over who had the best sauce which probably was never completely settled. The fun the members had in spending a day shopping for, preparing and serving the dinner was so enjoyed that the event has continued over the years to the present. This community project involves not only Kirtland Kiwanis member, but brings in the Key Club and other volunteers from the community. This anticipated community event is always a "good time" for all.

**Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio Singing Christmas Carols at Baton Rogue Medical and Rehab Center**

*12/20/2011 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day*

The Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio performs service every other month by singing at area nursing homes. On the opposite months the clubs serves at Our Daily Bread, a local soup kitchen.