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Resolutions for the New Year

01/12/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

Happy New Year, Ohio Kiwanians! During the month of January, many people make New Year's Resolutions to better themselves or to be more generous. Studies show that a vast majority of our resolutions fail, but I would like to challenge you to incorporate the following resolutions into your Kiwanis Club's activities.



1. Sponsor a high school student to attend Key Leader on April 25-27, 2014 at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio. Why? The Key Leader program is built on five essential principles. These principles reflect our mission to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership: Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community, and Pursuit of Excellence. This leadership event can be one of the best gifts we give to a high school student in order to help him grow as a leader. How? Register your student at key-leader.org for \$175 (Key Clubber) or \$200 (non-Key Clubber).
2. Implement a "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities" challenge within your club. Why? "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities" encourages us to improve our health and the health of those in the community through programs, education, and activities. How? Perhaps devote a month of programs to healthy speakers like diabetes education or the benefits of yoga. Challenge your membership to a health improvement contest like meeting walking goals or workout hours. (Be sure that each member can tailor her goals to achievable activities for ultimate participation and success.) Also, execute a healthy community project for this Spring. Clean up or build a playground, start an afterschool exercise program for kids, donate healthy foods at Mid Year Education Day for underserved food banks, or start a chair yoga program at the senior center. Once you have completed a project, apply for a banner patch. The form is in the district directory and the Healthy Handbook found at www.ohiokiwans.org.
3. Recruit at least one new member to your Kiwanis Club. Why? Think how much more service your Kiwanis Club will provide to your community if each current Kiwanian brings in a new member! How? Check out The 2013-14 "Race for Membership" guidelines at www.ohiokiwans.org for a fun way to motivate your members to

- recruit new members. Working together with enthusiasm can help your club grow.
4. Fundraise for the Eliminate Project. Why? Kiwanians worldwide have committed to eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus from the globe. We need to end the suffering of tiny newborns who have repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch before their ultimate death. As Americans, we received the tetanus shot without a second thought. We must share this with the countries who don't have the easy access to the immunization that we do. How? Raise funds and submit the funds to KIP as soon as possible. Every \$1.80 provides an immunization series to a mother.
 5. Celebrate Kiwanis and your friendships with Kiwanians. Why? Enjoying your fellow member and feeling pride for Kiwanis will attract new members and make your club more productive. A happy Kiwanis Club is a healthy Kiwanis Club. How? Kiwanis is now celebrating its 99th year. How many years has your club been in existence? Plan an anniversary party or special meeting. Have a program on the history of Kiwanis and, specifically, your club. Understanding Kiwanis will increase your members' dedication.

I wish you the very best in 2014. Be the best servant leader and Kiwanian you can be! Adopt the resolutions above and add some more to meet your clubs goals and aspirations for community improvement.

Governor Jennifer DeFrance

District Secretary's Notes

01/11/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



Registration for the 2014 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 very soon. Please register soon as space is limited and the first 50 "first time" Kiwanis member attendees will receive a \$15.00 discount!

990 Tax Return Final Notice

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, 2014. Failure to do so could result in loss of your Blanket Exemption from Federal Income Taxation. Last year, 16 Ohio Kiwanis Clubs lost their tax exemption and were required to file paperwork and pay costly fees to attempt to recover their exemption from federal income taxes. If you have any questions at all, please call me right away in the district office at (614) 848-5000 Extension 201.

Club Newsletter Contest

The Ohio District will once again be having a Club Newsletter contest during the 2013-14 Kiwanis Year. Certificates will be awarded in four divisions depending upon the size of your club at the Mid Year Education Day in March of 2015. [Click here](#) for detailed

information about the Club Newsletter Contest including how you enter the contest.

Kiwanis License Plates

As I am sure you have all heard by now, the Ohio District Kiwanis license plate is now available from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for an additional charge of \$35.00. \$25.00 of that fee will go to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and that money will come back to our clubs in the form of grants to help clubs with their service efforts in local communities. I have mine on my car already and many of you have told me that you have done the same. What a great way to show our pride in being a member of this great service organization!

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

Membership Contest Announcement

01/11/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! It's a time to start fresh.

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. But you don't have to do it alone. The Growth and New Club Building Teams are here to help you. Just contact us!

Governor Jennifer asked that we have a Membership Contest, so we are rolling one out today.

For those Clubs that have a **NET** gain in membership for this administrative year (October 1, 2013- Sept 30, 2014), the following banner patches will be awarded:

- Gold – Two ways to win. Winners are **1)** A club that has a 20% **NET** increase in membership with a minimum net gain of 4 members (Clubs of 100 members or more can achieve this with a net gain of 20 members); **OR, 2)** A club that has a **NET** gain of one member AND sponsors the formation of a new Kiwanis club.
- Silver – Clubs that have a 10% **NET** increase in membership with a minimum net gain of 3 members (Clubs of 100 or more members can achieve this with a **NET** gain of 10 members).
- Bronze – All clubs that are +2 in membership.
- Any division that averages +3 members per club (e.g., a division with 8 clubs has a **NET** gain of 24 members) will be awarded a GOLD Award.

We would like to be able to give EVERY club an award this year. It can be done – with a plan to grow, a fun club and the dedication of committed Kiwanians.

And remember, on March 8th, there are four great membership forums, and a lot of fun, at Mid-Year Education Day. Come and join us.

Bill Snellgrove
District Growth Chair (governor_bill@columbus.rr.com)

KIWANIS ONE DAY - Coming Soon!



Where will you be on April 5, 2014? Will you be joining thousands of Kiwanis Family members by participating in making the world a better place? What is so special about April 5th? It is Kiwanis One Day. A designated 24 hour time period that encourages clubs to come together to change the world one child and one community at a time. Have you planned a project yet? Keep in mind these projects are a tremendous way of building relationships between your club members, your service leadership members and your community at large.

Your projects do not need to be elaborate or expensive. Kiwanians are some of the most creative problem solving people I know. A member may see a need in the community and will talk to another member about it and before you know, there are multiple solutions being tossed around in the conversation. This is what your clubs should be doing know to create new service projects that not only make an impact in the community, but also re-energize your club by providing hands on service opportunities.

Here are some of my favorite projects that have been done by clubs in the past couple of years:

The Downtown Columbus Kiwanis Club takes portraits of homeless individuals and families. They put the photos in cardboard frames and present them to the families.

The Westlake Kiwanis Club, Aktion Club and Key Clubs do a community beautification project by planting flowers in city flower beds.

The Toledo Circle K Clubs pack sack lunches and distribute them to the homeless in downtown Toledo.

Several clubs do food drives for local food pantries. Items often include hygienic items, including toilet paper, tampons, deodorant, soap and shampoo.

Donations of old towels and blankets, pet food and litter to animal shelters. Volunteers play with/groom animals while cages are cleaned. Lobby walls are washed and decorated with animal care posters.

Several clubs assist with sprucing up facilities at local Scout or 4-H camps, getting the cabins and trails ready for summer campers.

If your club has a project that you think is wonderful – you should tell the world about it. The Ohio Kiwanis Magazine would love to see a photo and a brief article about what you are doing. Just visit www.ohiokiwans.org and click on “News” link and then on “News Submission Form” for a fillable form for your news story.

Kiwanis International is sponsoring an opportunity for your club to be featured in a videotaped and possibly presented in the Kiwanis magazine. Submissions must be received at the Kiwanis International Office no later than March 15. An online form for entry can be found at www.KiwaisOne.org/oneday . They are requesting specific details about the planned project and it’s impact/benefit to the community. Materials will be reviewed and evaluated on how the project accurately and dynamically represents Kiwanis International’s vision, mission and value. Ohio should have at least a dozen entries in this contest.

Finally, it is not too late to order your Kiwanis One Day Shirts. Available in safety green, these shirts come in short or long sleeve and are a fabulous visual statement regarding our organization and dedication to serving the community. Call the district office at 614-848-5000 for an order form.

Sarah Roush

Pediatric Trauma Projects Save Children

01/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

Ohio Kiwanis clubs are preventing childhood injuries through projects funded by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Over \$100,000 in grants have provided assistance for projects such as Safety Town, bicycle helmets and car seat distribution and safe playgrounds. Grants have also provided improved treatment for those children who have been injured. Safe transport devices, medical equipment, training of ER staff are among the projects funded by the Foundation.

Each year, nearly 9.2 million children aged 0 to 19 years are seen in emergency departments for injuries, and 12,175 children die as a result of being injured. Most child injuries can be prevented. Prevention and treatment for these children is the focus of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Applications for grants can be made with forms available at www.odkf.org. The next deadline is March 31, 2014.

Donations to the First Lady's Projects have made the grants possible in the past. This year Kiwanis clubs are asked to continue their support to the Pediatric Trauma Fund through donations to the Pediatric Trauma Fund and the purchase of Kiwanis license plates.

The purchase price of Kiwanis license plates now available from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles will provide funds for the Pediatric Trauma Fund this year. Information about supporting the Foundation as we protect and save children can be found at www.odkf.org.



Together we are making a difference for children in Ohio.

Jean Forbes, Secretary

Kiwanis Education

01/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Doug Switzer

I'm sure that you would agree that a strong Kiwanis Club relies on members who are engaged in what they do. However, the passion to be involved must be nurtured. Mid Year Education Day offers you and your fellow Kiwanians a great opportunity to get re-energized and bring back new ideas to your club.

Forums and workshops will be offered under a variety of themes. They include Club



Leadership, Club Operations, Membership, Community Service, the Eliminate Program and even Healthy Kiwanians. After all, healthy bodies and spiritual minds help to keep Kiwanians engaged.

In addition to formal workshop presentations, Kiwanians like you from across the Buckeye State will be able to learn from and share with each other. It's just possible that another club may have the solution to a problem your club faces or provide you with a different perspective that could breathe new life into one of your club's current projects.

Mid Year is also the perfect time to engage your newest club members. Combine their enthusiasm with what they learn during the Mid Year and you may find that your member recruitment and retention efforts just got a lot easier. Don't forget, the first 50 first time Mid Year attendees will receive a \$15.00 discount off the regular registration fee.

Make plans now with your club members to attend Mid Year Education Day on Saturday, March 8 at the Marriott Columbus Airport Hotel in Columbus. Remember, Mid Year Education Day is there to help re-energize and engage you and your club members. Your community will thank you.

Doug Switzer,
2013-2014 Education Chair

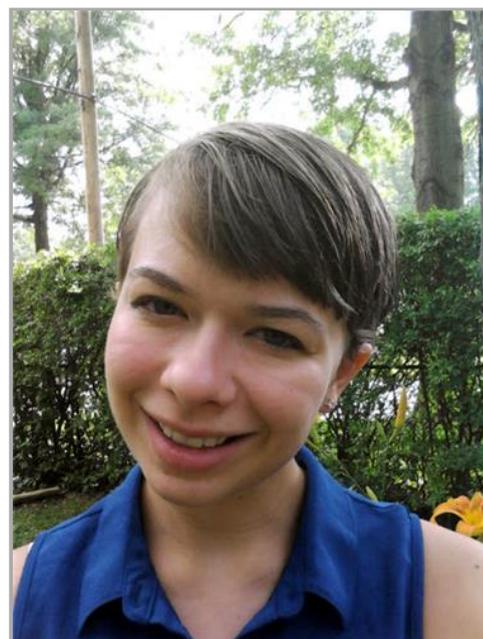
Circle K DCON Is Coming Up!

01/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Megan Hurley

Happy New Year! It's that time of year again--Ohio District Circle K's 57th Annual District Convention is coming up soon! It will be from February 21 to 23 at the Embassy Suites Airport in Columbus. We'll have service projects, social events, workshops, elections, and more, with a twist! This year's theme is *The Magic of Service*.

You can help support our convention by putting an ad in our program! You have a new option this year of becoming a convention "patron" for \$10, with your name in the program and an optional message. There are also the choices of taking out a half- or full-page ad, which would be a great way to promote your Kiwanis club, division, or business! If you're interested, these should be received by January 24.

For more information, including the convention packet and ad form, go to <http://ohiocki.org/district-events/district-convention-dcon/> .



Key Club Report

01/11/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Natalie Hagy

Hello Ohio District of Kiwanis,

As I am sure that many of you know it is DCON season for Key Club International. We are hard at work planning this year's District Convention. However, we have changed the name of DCON this year to District Leadership Conference. Other districts have tried this name change and have seen significant increase of attendance since more schools are willing to send students to a Leadership Conference rather than a Convention. It will be taking place March 28-30, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The address is 6500 Doubletree Avenue in Columbus.

The Ohio District of Key Club International greatly needs your help. We are selling



program ads for the District Leadership Program. This program is used by our attendees as a guide throughout the weekend as well as a nice souvenir to hopefully remind them of the great times they had. In order to be most cost effective, we only spend money on this program according to how many ads we sell. The more ads we sell, the better the program, and the more professional we are. Your Key Club Lt. Governors should have forwarded the form for purchasing an advertisement. If you still need one, please feel free to contact me. My email is natalie.hagy@gmail.com.

Please be sure to be promoting District Leadership Conference to your Key Clubs! We have made quite a few changes to this weekend to make it more service and leadership oriented. What I have found is that the Key Clubs who come to District Leadership Conference are not only strong Key Clubs but they make for strong Kiwanians in the future. We have been working hard to contact the clubs across the District but you are great guides and inspirations to all of them. A quick email, phone call or visit to your Key Clubs to talk about District Leadership Conference would be perfect to ensure our success.

Yours in service and friendship.

Natalie Hagy

2013-2014 Ohio District Governor of Key Club International

Mark Your Calendars for Mid-Year Education Day 2014

01/11/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jamie Kaufman

On Saturday, March 8th, Mid Year Education Day will take place at the Columbus Airport Marriott. This will be our inaugural Mid Year Education day at this great location. The Airport Marriott is located near Easton Town Center and is a wonderful atmosphere for a day of learning, fellowship, and service.

This special day offers you many opportunities to learn more about Kiwanis and ways to serve. It will be a great time for you to get the tools that you can use to grow your club, enrich your service projects, use technology, support the Governor's Project, strengthen your leadership skills, learn about Service Leadership, and much more. There will be twenty-eight educational forums that will give you many new ideas that you can use in all areas of Kiwanis service.

Some highlights of the day include a keynote address by our International President-Elect Dr. John Button. Dr. Button will share an inspiring message about "Leading Kiwanis into the Future." President-Elect John will host two workshops during the day that cover the topics of leadership and the Eliminate Project.



Mid Year Education day is packed with educational workshops that will meet the needs of every member and club in the Ohio District. It is the most concentrated educational experience that the District offers during the year. Twenty-eight forums will be presented throughout the day. We have planned several growth and club building sessions, ways to raise more funds, engaging in the Eliminate project, marketing and public relations ideas, new YCPO and service projects, SLP updates and information, and the value of risk management. If your club needs new ideas, we will provide them. This is only a sample of the choices you can make when you attend MY Education Day.

The day begins with registration at 8:00. The opening session is scheduled from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. and the first two rounds of forums will be offered before lunch. Mid Year Education Day will offer a lunch session in which all present will get to hear from our Key Club and Circle K leaders as well as participate in the presentation of awards for 2012-13 Distinguished Clubs. The afternoon begins at 2:10 with the first of 2 more forum choices. The day will conclude with a Closing Session from 4:10 to 4:45. Exhibits will be open all day around the hotel atrium and throughout the hallways. You are encouraged to visit the exhibits anytime during the day.

Above all, we want you to attend the 2014 "MY" Education Day at the Columbus Airport Marriott. We promise that you will enjoy your day and return to your clubs with renewed enthusiasm, commitment, and passion for Kiwanis and service in the communities of the Great Ohio District and around the world! That is a M-Y Day guarantee!

Mark your calendars now. Go to www.ohiokiwanis.org to register today!

Saturday, March 8, 2014 ~ Columbus Airport Marriott ~ 1375 N. Cassidy Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43219

See you there!

Jamie Kaufman
2014 Mid Year Education Day Chair

Step Into 2014 More Fit and Active

01/14/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer Lewis

Thank you to everyone currently supporting Governor DeFrance's service project "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities." If you have not started, boost your club's service with new project ideas from this handy guide. [[Click here](#) for Project Guide Book] and read the Governor's message on the Ohio District Kiwanis website.

To get more healthy foods in the hands of those in need in Ohio, we are hosting a



Healthy Food Drive. Collection will be at Mid Year Education Day on March 8, 2014, at the Marriott Columbus Airport Hotel (1375 N. Cassady Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219). Here's an easy club project to complete next month! Each club that participates in this project at Mid Year will be eligible for the Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities project participation recognition patch. Plan now – involve your community, school and SLPs. Help us collect healthy food items and help under-served communities in Ohio. We suggest each club donate at least the equivalent of a case of food (24 cans/boxes/combo) to this project. We need healthy food items. For example - low-sodium soups, vegetables, canned meat, beans, lentils or pasta dinners. Fruit in natural juices, juice boxes with 100% juice, low-sugar peanut butter and old-fashioned oatmeal, granola bars, dried fruit, and whole grain pasta. [[Click here](#) for Healthy Food Drive flier].

Healthier Kiwanians - Challenge yourself to make one healthy improvement in your life – diet, sleep, exercise, stress reduction or just exercise your brain and learn something new! The healthier and happier you are, the more physically fit and emotionally able you will be to help others. It can be as simple as smiling or drinking more water! See below for seven easy steps to get started.

Healthier Communities - Be creative and make positive choices in how you serve others in your community – make healthier donations to food banks, volunteer your time to mentor our youth and foster activities that let them stay active, support the nutrition and emotional well-being of our newborns and young children under 5 years old -which determines their future health, support the Eliminate project, help teach or serve those less able (e.g. physically or mentally challenged adults and children, lower income, less educated) to help themselves and lead healthy lives. Improve a playground, create a healthy food pantry at an afterschool recreation center, collect "Box tops for education," support 4H and school programs, offer summer camp scholarships, support prenatal, newborn, young children and teen services of any nature. Help your community get fit, stay fit and be healthy!

Healthier Kiwanian: 7 Easy Steps

1. Just Smile! It's a strange fact – and even if you fake it, putting a smile on your face will make you feel happier - instantly! Try it! It is also contagious and will make another person smile.
2. Fellowship is important – attend your Kiwanis meetings, schedule a weekly walking, biking or coffee date with a fellow Kiwanian. Not only will you get to know each other better, you will be accountable to show up. Share any goals with your friends and share your accomplishments. Be the greeter at your meeting, learn a joke and share it! Smile, say hello and say their name!
3. Volunteering is great for the soul; Activity is better for the body! - Stock a food pantry, play with your children or grandchildren, shovel your neighbor's sidewalk, walk to get the mail. Join the YMCA or sign up for a 5K Walk/Run.
4. Get Fit – Learn a new hobby and stay active. Get busy! Build or install cabinets for your wood shop. Re-organize your garage or food pantry. Join a Pilates class or book club at the library. Set a realistic goal, pick an event or date and make a plan! Sign up for an exercise or art class, a 5K or simply plan a vacation – the positive effect of anticipating the event is huge! Take pride in your accomplishment, and plan the next activity. Stay Active!
5. Drink more water! You will have more energy. Water is the major component of our body and helps our body do its job! Try drinking water with your meals. Try hot

water with lemon in place of coffee once in a while. Sitting at the computer or in front of the television for long periods is not healthy. Drinking more water will force you to take a break and go to the bathroom.

6. Change your diet and lose weight! Reduce sodium, sugar/carbohydrates, and for some, try gluten-free. ("A gluten-free diet is a diet that excludes the protein gluten. Gluten is found in grains such as wheat, barley, rye and triticale (a cross between wheat and rye). A gluten-free diet is used to treat celiac disease. Gluten causes inflammation in the small intestines of people with celiac disease. Eating a gluten-free diet helps people with celiac disease control their signs and symptoms and prevent complications. From <http://www.mayoclinic.org/gluten-free-diet/art-20048530>). Personally, I feel better when I eat more salad and less dairy and wheat.
7. Get your rest! If you are restless or fatigued, you cannot function 100%. Your brain needs adequate rest to store/organize your daily thoughts and memories. If you are tired, you will likely eat more and/or make poor food choices such as sweets or high-fat food or desserts. Your body may also start storing energy (increasing your weight). Exercising during the day and not eating late at night may help you rest. Otherwise, ask your physician, sleep is very important!

Healthier Communities: 7 Easy Steps

1. Be creative. Get to know your community and neighbors directly. What does your community need? Find out what other communities around you have done, and with limited resources. For example, improve an existing playground, start an afterschool program for tutoring, open a road for long-board skating, increase public awareness of issues in the schools, provide warm clothing or blankets for those in need, disseminate information on maternal and infant health, donate infant safety equipment to your EMS provider, donate new cribs or healthy food to a shelter. Refer to the Guide above for more ideas.
2. Make positive choices in how you serve others in your community and maximize your resources (including time). How do you give your time and fellowship to others? Mentoring and leading by example are priceless and lead to better communities. Wear your Kiwanis logo or pin to market your club and members' service in these activities. Know your neighbors and lend a hand.
3. Improve your communities' diet and health. Make healthier donations to food banks (low-sodium, low-sugar, high protein, all natural). Support the Healthy Food Drive for Midyear Education Day (above). Create a healthy cookbook or Prepare dried soup mixes as a fundraiser. Support your local 4H clubs.
4. Volunteer your time to mentor and interact with our youth. Support your local SLPs! Volunteer to tutor in an afterschool program, at your public library or church, or start your own program. Teach, mentor or serve those less able (e.g. physically or mentally challenged adults and children, lower income, less educated) to help them lead healthy, fulfilling lives and to help themselves. Improve a playground, create a healthy food pantry at an afterschool recreation center, support 4H clubs and school education/recreation programs, offer summer camp scholarships, support prenatal, young children and teen services of any nature.
5. Help your community get fit, stay fit and be healthy! Foster activities and facilities to promote physical activity and growth- focus on our youth and those less able (physically, mentally challenged, disabled, elderly) to stay active. Efforts can be as simple as providing a bicycle stand to lock bikes, disseminating safety information, driving safety information for new drivers, improving or clearing a sidewalk or bike path, providing or replacing safety lights in a public park or walkway, adding handicap-accessible playground equipment, adding park benches and wheel chair ramps for caregivers and babysitters, offer scholarships for summer camps, support existing recreational programs, YMCA and school boosters. Support a "Turn Off Your Screen" program with the school or recreation group. Refer to the guide above for more ideas.
6. Support the nutrition and emotional well-being of our newborns and young children

under 5 years old (YCP1), and vital to their future health. Support education on prenatal vitamins. For example, prenatal folic acid helps prevent neural tube defects, i.e. serious abnormalities of the brain and spinal cord. Prenatal iron supports the baby's growth and development. Iron also helps prevent anemia, a condition in which blood lacks adequate healthy red blood cells. Refer to your hospital or a local obstetrician for ways to get involved.

7. Support the Eliminate project and directly support healthy lives by reducing neonatal/maternal tetanus.

Jennifer Lewis
2013-14 District Chair
Youth Services

Club News

North Central EMS and Kiwanis Partner to Provide Safety for Young Children

01/15/2014 - Club: Port Clinton - Submitted by: John Schaffner

As a part of the ongoing mission of Kiwanis to help their local community, the Port Clinton Kiwanis are taking strides in helping with keeping young children safe. Kassie Anderson, a former paramedic supervisor, and Trish McCartney, State Farm agent, received a grant to help local townships get infant and young children medical equipment. Erie, Danbury, Rocky Ridge and Catawba Townships were the target stations for the equipment.



"If a car seat is involved in an accident, it cannot be used again to transport children," said Kassie. "It will not meet the safety standards. To save room and to safely transport the children, it would be best to use inflatable car seats."

The car seats are inflated either by a CO2 cartridge or by being plugged into a cigarette lighter in the vehicle. Also purchased are children sized backboards. \$6000 was the estimated amount needed to get all four townships the equipment and the grant Kiwanis received was for \$3000. Kiwanis is supplying the other \$3000 needed for the equipment.

"EMS equipment cannot be bought by just anyone," said Kassie, "it's like a prescription."

North Central EMS is partnering with Kiwanis to purchase the equipment for the donation to the townships.

PHOTO: Kassie Anderson and Trish McCartney of the Port Clinton Kiwanis

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Connelly Medal Awarded in Division 4

01/14/2014 - Club: Kettering-Centerville - Submitted by: Bill Pees



At the Governor Jennifer DeFrance's December 11th visit to Division 4, Cindy Champer presented the Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism to the parents of Austin Rife. Austin lost his life saving his young friend Logan Thompson from an oncoming vehicle while fishing. Stephani and Jeremy Rife were present at the meeting. Austin was a senior at Kettering Fairmont High School.

Kiwanian Robert P. Connelly lost his life in 1966 trying to save a woman in Lisle Illinois from an oncoming train.

KIRTLAND KIWANIS ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

01/04/2014 - Club: Kirtland - Submitted by: Bill Pastor

KIRTLAND KIWANIS ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

(December 5, 2013 – Community of Christ Hall (Kirtland, Ohio))



The Kirtland Kiwanis Club kicked off the holiday season with their annual "Senior Citizens" dinner. About 120 seniors and Kiwanis members gathered for an evening filled with good fellowship, food, music and song. Helping with the seating, serving and clearing were the Kirtland Middle School Builders Club of which 14 were in attendance. Rosa Brettrager and the crew at the Community of Christ provided another fine meal for the event.

Before the evening's entertainment, seven couples celebrating 50 years of marriage were recognized. Each of the six couples in attendance was honored with a certificate presented by the Kirtland Mayor (Kiwanian Mark Tyler). The names of the seven couples will be added to a plaque which is displayed in the Kiwanis Room at the Kirtland Public Library.

After the musical portion of the program (entertainment provided by Strings Sensational Ensemble, led by Liz Rothenbush), the party was treated to a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus (Dan and Helen Moon, from the Chardon Kiwanis Club), who brought each senior a gift. (Thanks to Bruce and Bev Sandacz and Jean Parker, who donated and bagged each gift.)

The annual "Senior Citizens" dinner has been a tradition of the Kirtland Kiwanis and the Community of Christ Church and the Kirtland Community for over 30 years. Kiwanian Tom Dice has overseen this event for over 25 years. This community function is aimed at shut-ins, or folks who would not normally attend unless someone would call them and be able to pick them up and take them home from the affair. The Kirtland Kiwanian club members who volunteer to coordinate these arrangements with their assigned list of attendees (made up from updated prior years), agree to provide their transportation.

All look forward to next year's party; a party that touches the hearts of so many in the community.

K-Kids of Independence Elementary School in Lima Wrap Gifts for children in the hospital.

12/26/2013 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day



The K-Kids Club of Independence Elementary School of Lima wrapped approximately 50 Christmas or birthday gifts for children in the Pediatric Ward of St. Rita's Medical Center. The club is also discussing what makes a good citizen in school, home, community, and/or at lunch during its weekly meetings.

Food Donated to a Local Food Bank

12/20/2013 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

The recently chartered Builders Club of South Science Technology Magnet K-8 sponsored a three on three basketball tournament and a seventh-eighth grade dance. The entry fee was a can of food. The events were successful as 189 cans of food were donated to the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima.



Successful Events for Bellevue Key Club

12/16/2013 - Club: Bellevue - Submitted by: Joan Cmar



This year the Bellevue Key Club had many successful events and, we have more planned for the rest of 2013 and next year. We have volunteered at Mitch Roeser's benefit dinner, passed out candy at the train station, organized Halloween Happenings, worked at the Bellevue Business Expo, volunteered at a Thanksgiving Dinner, raised money for Toys-for-Tots and Operation Christmas Child, shopped for the Giving Tree, raised money through fundraisers, and hosted a blood drive. We will soon be ringing the bell for Salvation Army,

planning the Dodgeball tournament for Pennies for Patients, and participating in the Dance-a-thon at Bowling Green State University.

Mitch Roeser is a member of our community who's battling with leukemia. His family hosted a benefit for him on September 29 at the Beer Keller where members of the Bellevue Key Club volunteered. The family was very appreciative of the show up the the helpfulness of the members.

The Bellevue Business Expo on October 19 at the Bellevue Elementary School showcased many businesses from around the community at which we ran a concessions stand. We were able to raise a good amount of money for our club and the community.

On October 24 we passed out candy after the Bellevue Halloween Parade at the train station which many children had fun receiving sweets. Then on October 29 Key Club hosted Halloween Happenings at Bellevue High School where we and the other clubs at our school decorated rooms, passed out candy, had a coloring contest, and a costume contest. We had great attendance and received great feed back from parents and our principle.

On November 19 Key Club hosted a blood drive in our gym which we had a successful event and collected 51 usable units. Then on November 26 Bellevue Kiwanis Club hosted a Thanksgiving dinner at the Bellevue Episcopal Church where Key Club members helped serve food and desserts, and clean the tables. Everyone was happy and grateful for the dinner, community support, and the leftovers.

In December every member was required to donate \$2 and a shoe box to help with Operation Christmas Child. We were able to donate ten complete boxes for the children. Also on December 6 we organized and hosted a Christmas Movie Night for high school students to raise money for Toys-for-Tots in the Bellevue High School cafeteria. Commission was \$3 and we sold Christmas cookies for a quarter, and we also provided free hot chocolate and popcorn. We were able to raise over \$200 and stuffed the Toys-for-Tots box. On December 11 the Key Club senior members went shopping for five children of our community and bought clothing and toys for \$100 each through the money we raised throughout the year.

On December 21 the Bellevue Key Club rang the bell at our local grocery store to raise money for the Salvation Army. We are also going to be hosting a dodgeball tournament in January to raise money for Mitch Roeser through Pennies for Patients. Then in the spring we will participate in the BGSU Dance-a-thon to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. We hope to have a great year of volunteering and fundraising in 2014!