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District Governor's Report

07/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove

We have just returned from the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. What a wonderful event! International President Alan and First Lady Jeri did a phenomenal job as host and hostess for the convention. Ohio was well represented – and I hope all of you there had a wonderful time.

In New Orleans we received good news – the KI Board approved our Family Membership pilot – which will allow the 2nd and 3rd family member to join a club at reduced dues to KI and the district, but be a full voting member of the club. This will be a great way to bring new couples into our clubs. More information will be available soon and we will have a forum at our District Convention in August.



Our District Convention will be August 10th – 12th in Boardman, near Youngstown. We will be having Friday Fun, recognizing the achievements and service of some of our members at the Saturday luncheon and the Saturday Governor's banquet and celebrating 25 years of women in Kiwanis. I urge all clubs to send their three delegates to this convention along with as many other club members and guests as wish to attend. We will have some good fun and fellowship throughout the convention as well as conducting the district's Kiwanis business and offering valuable learning opportunities. Kiwanis International President Alan Penn will be joining us for the convention.

I urge all clubs, divisions, and individuals to deliver a basket to the convention to be included in the silent auction. The proceeds of the silent auction go to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation in support of the First Lady's Project. Don't miss the 2012 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention.

This year I have stressed the need to grow our clubs and build new clubs. That need continues to exist. Service and membership are intertwined - clubs must replace members they lose or reduce the amount of service they provide.

In the past few months we have seen membership growth in 90 of our clubs. That is great! However we cannot relax now – we need to continue growing these clubs and start growing in the other 150 clubs. The really good news is that we know there are

people out there who are willing to be part of our great organization. We need to recruit them. Ask a potential member to join in on one of your service projects so they can see and experience the good that we do. Then invite them to a club meeting. They won't be able to resist joining if you make them feel welcome and involve them from the start.

But don't neglect your existing members - Re-Member members who you have not seen for a while. Invite them back for service. Let them know that we care about them and that they are important to the club and the community. Don't let their next contact from you be their dues statement.

We also need to build new clubs. This is a challenging task that requires hard work. There is no time like right now to start building a new Kiwanis club. We can provide great help to those who commit themselves to this most important task. Identify a site, a potential sponsoring club and let me know how soon we can get started.

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 SLP, TO YOUR CLUB'S GROWTH & TO YOUR CLUB'S SUCCESS.

You are building a great legacy! It is appreciated! Thank you for giving Cheryl and I this opportunity to serve you.

Governor Bill Snellgrove
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District Secretary's Notes

07/20/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being prepared, district Kiwanians are preparing for our 95th Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in Boardman, Ohio at the Holiday Inn and at The Georgetown banquet facility (Saturday lunch and Delegate Session only). The convention committee is working very hard to make sure you have an enjoyable convention experience. Please review this issue of the online newsletter, as well as the District Convention page of our district website (www.ohiokiwanis.org), for updated convention information about the activities taking place August 10-12 in Boardman.

Report of Club Elections

The deadline for return of the Report of Club Elections form to Kiwanis International and the Ohio District was June 1, 2012. Once again all clubs were encouraged to report their 2012-13 officers' online using KiwanisOne. As of July 20th, only 76 Ohio Kiwanis clubs have submitted their report through KiwanisOne. This is less than half the number of clubs reporting at the same time last year. If your club has not submitted the form, please do so immediately. This information is critical as it is used to publish the International and District directories. In addition, the information is also used to build a database that will be used for future mailings to your clubs. Thanks for your prompt attention to this request. If you need help filing this report online, please feel free to call us in the district office for assistance.

2012 District Installation

Please be sure and mark your calendar for the Installation of our 2012-13 District Board. The Installation will take place on September 29, 2012 in Findlay, Ohio and details will be coming to your Club Secretary in early August. We will also post information online using our district website at www.ohiokiwanis.org. The first official meeting of our 2012-13 Kiwanis Board will take place on Sunday, September 30th.

CLE Makeup Session Planned

For those 2012-13 Club Officers who were unable to attend Leadership Education in their local divisions, a makeup session is being planned for Friday afternoon, August 10th in Boardman, Ohio at the Holiday Inn. The session will be held prior to the start of our district convention. To register to attend this session, please call the district office or click on the link at the top of our website at www.ohiokiwanis.org.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

All You Need to Do is Ask!

07/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jodee Ward

There is no magic bullet for membership, although everyone would like there to be one.

There is only one simple answer – ASK. If you don't ask, you will have 100% of the people you don't ask, never say yes. Some people like acronyms (that's how I learned the countries of Central and South America). ASK could be Always Say do you Know about Kiwanis or make up your own. I think the nicest phrase is: "Won't you join us?".

It's a habit you get into and once on a roll, it's hard to stop. The other side of that coin, is once on a roll of not asking, that's hard to stop and the declining membership in our great Ohio District is evidence of that.

I'll grant you, asking is scary, but with the quality of people we have in the Ohio District clubs, that shouldn't be a problem. Starting is the hard part. The first time you do anything is the hard part and past that it's whole lots easier. There are two simple questions that you have to ask yourself: [What would your community be missing if there were no Kiwanis Club?](#) [What would you be missing if there were no Kiwanis Club?](#)

Jodee Ward
Member Growth & New Club Building NE
Divisions 13, 14, 15, 22 and 24



Appeal to Kiwanis Clubs - IS YOUR AKTION CLUB ATTENDING?

07/18/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sande Theis, Ohio Aktion Administrator



OHIO AKTION CONVENTION 2012 ~ Saturday, August 25, 2012
Recreation Unlimited (Ashley, Ohio just northeast of Delaware)
REGISTRATION - \$50/member & advisor; \$35/direct caregiver
OVERNIGHT - \$10/person
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For the 6th year in a row, Ohio Aktion Clubs will be meeting at a convention on Saturday, August 25 for learning, service, fellowship, awards and LOTS of FUN! The convention will be held again this year at Recreation Unlimited on a 100% handicappable campus.

During convention, club leaders go through officer training and club members attend member training. Clubs have the opportunity to present service projects from the past year - and win awards for them. Members can visit with friends from past years and meet new friends.

Voting for the Ohio District Council as well as poster and speech contests allow members to put their own stamp on what happens in Ohio District Aktion Clubs. (forms are now on-line at: www.OhioAktion.org)

This year's motivational speaker is a disabled man who has overcome many obstacles in order to have a successful career on radio.

For members who stay overnight, we have unstructured game & conversation time on Saturday night. Sunday morning will be a morning service at the lake and breakfast before departing.

The Ohio Aktion Convention is very important to the life of an Aktion Club. Unlike Kiwanis Clubs, Aktion Clubs are often isolated despite growing quickly. Because of transportation issues, it's difficult to get clubs together ~ but Aktion Convention is the one time during the year that it can happen.

Please find out if YOUR sponsored Aktion Club is attending or if they need assistance with registration fees or transportation! It's vital to their life in Kiwanis!

For more information, please feel free to call or email me at sande419@yahoo.com

Hole in One Scored at Foundation Golf Outing

07/18/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jean Forbes

A Hole in One was scored by Dan Bennington, a charter member of the Delaware County Club at the Ohio District Golf Outing, pictured here with his team members and fellow members of the Delaware County Kiwanis Club. The Golf Outing was held on July 11 and 12 at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Canton, Ohio. The proceeds from the Golf Outing benefit the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Grants to Kiwanis family organizations for projects they sponsor are made possible by these donations and other donations to the Foundation. More information about how your club can benefit from Foundation grants

will be available at the District Convention in Boardman, August 12, 2012.

The Ohio Kiwanis Legion of Honor Society recognizes Kiwanians who have been members for over 25 years and made donations to the Foundation for their years of service. Some clubs and divisions have also recognized the long service of their members by making these donations. Donald Williams, one of our longest serving Ohio Kiwanians was recognized at the Golf Outing as a member of the Ohio Kiwanis Legion of Honor Society. Find information about this Society on the website www.odkf.org.



First Lady's Project Update

07/18/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cheryl Snellgrove

As I write this, our garage is FILLED with so many items! Plus, we now are housing 6,000 of the backpacks we will need. This week, I will be contacting the Key Clubbers who have graciously offered to help us sort and box all these items. It will be a lot of work, but we all know how Kiwanians are when it comes to work. They don't quit!



This will be the final phase of my project, and I am happy that it is a great success...all because of you Kiwanians all over the state. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Cheryl Snellgrove
2011-12 First Lady

We Serve

07/19/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sarah Roush

105 degree heat index. That's how hot it was in New Orleans while members of the Ohio District Circle K served during the Large Scale Service Project. Members from Ohio worked painting and installing insulation in houses for Habitat for Humanity, landscaping public parks, cleaning and decorating the local Ronald McDonald House. Students from around the world promoted the Eliminate Project, made canvases of childhood activities for the March of Dimes and danced



their way (literally) across the Big Easy as they flash mobbed different areas to educate the public about the organization and our service programs.

It wasn't all fun, sweat and service though. While they did gawk at the size and diversity of the Kiwanis merchandise and display hall. Then, gasped in disbelief that the Kiwanians did not need to caucus or wear business attire. They also came together to do the official business of the organization. Between workshops, service projects and eating, they elected officers, passed amendments and and fiercely debated the wisdom of various proposed changes within the organization.

One of the big changes that took place, one that will have an impact on several of our clubs is regarding dues structure. In the past schools that were 2 year institutions or who had a student body of 1,000 students or less needed only 10 students to charter a club and paid a fee to Circle K International of \$450 per year. That has been changed to schools of 5,000 students or less. This will impact about one third of the currently chartered clubs in Ohio.

We are optimistic that the reduced rate of fees will help these clubs to grow on their campuses and will encourage new clubs within the district.

Interestingly enough, the exchange of information on service projects seemed to be the hot topic as well as why people joined Circle K. Some mentioned their affiliation through Key Club, or their grandparents' (or parents) connection to Kiwanis. The reasons were as diverse and interesting as the students themselves and it was a good reminder to the advisers as to why we, as Kiwanians, also joined and serve.

Circle K'ers will be at the Ohio District Kiwanis Convention in August, members of the Toledo Circle K Club will be hosting a murder mystery and we hope you will join in on the fun. We also hope that your club will consider supporting these fabulous young people through donations to the KICK fund via the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Just \$25 from each Kiwanis club would make a huge impact in their leadership programs. For more information on how you can support Circle K - call 888-827-8196 ext. 202.

ICON, DCON & Club Campaign Growth Highlight July

07/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.



By now International convention and the Eliminate program there are just a memory, but what an exciting time! The multi-division, division and club coordinators present had an opportunity not only to participate in some great forums, but also the first ever walk for to save the life of a child was held. It was so successful that it will most likely be repeated next year in Vancouver.

Closer to home, our District convention at the Holiday Inn, Youngstown, promises to be exciting, with a display and recognition of Model and \$100K clubs. There will also be a forum to provide you, the club members, with ideas as to how to grow the Eliminate project. PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE 11:45 A.M. SATURDAY FORUM! Plan now to attend.

Overall the Eliminate project continues to build its team at a rapid rate, with more than 2,300 volunteers worldwide. Another 1,300 Kiwanians have also signed up since March to lead their clubs in doing their part to raise \$110 million worldwide by 2015. Are you a part of this team? You can get involved by becoming a club coordinator (with on-line training coming in August), helping your club to become a Model club, giving personally

or helping to involve your community in the Eliminate project. For more information, contact your division coordinator or district coordinator Cindy Champer at (419) 350-0477; by email at CindyChamper@aol.com; or go to: www.TheEliminateProject.org.

Cindy Champer
Eliminate Project District Coordinator

Summer, Clubs and Kiwanis Kids

07/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Faith Cook

The calendar (and weather) says that it is still summer, but newspaper ads are encouraging us to start buying school supplies. Yes, most schools will be starting in August and now is the time for clubs to be thinking about and planning for Kiwanis Kids Programs in their schools. Contact principals to check on existing programs and/or discuss with them the advantages of having a K-Kids, B.U.G. or Terrific Kids program in their school. Be sure to include an expense line item for Kiwanis Kids when preparing the budget for next year. More importantly, enjoy the fun and satisfaction of being a part of developing young leaders.

Remember that the 2012-2013 Kiwanis year is the last time sponsorship of 4 or more K-Kids is free. Beginning in 2013-2014 sponsorship for ALL K-Kids Clubs is \$150



95th Annual District Convention

07/15/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Barbara A Smith



It is time to finalize your plans to attend the 95th annual Ohio District Kiwanis Convention, Aug 10-12th at the Holiday Inn, Boardman on South Avenue.

Couple of reminders. First, remember to bring school supplies so you can participate in our service project known as "Stuff the Bus." Second, we hope your club or division will be bringing a gift basket for the Basket Room which will be raffled to raise additional funds for the First Lady's project.

Check the district website for a list of the educational forums that will be offered on Saturday morning. The delegate session will follow the luncheon at The Georgetown (transportation will be available between the Holiday and the Georgetown on Saturday). Make sure your club has sent in the delegate forms to the district office. Your vote is important!

Saturday evening will be topped off with the traditional Governor's Banquet. It would be

nice to have lots of our members attend to honor Governor Bill and First Lady Cheryl for a great year of service, to say thanks to the hard working Lt Governors, and to enjoy the entertainment of The Youngstown Connection.

Sunday morning is the memorial service as we remember those who have passed away this Kiwanis year. Submit the names from your club to the district office.

I will see you at convention and we will all have a great time.

Barb Smith
2012 District Convention Chair

Club News

Reunion Luncheon a Success

07/03/2012 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn

As the Membership Committee of the Warren Kiwanis Club brainstormed ways to add new members, they took a trip down memory lane and discovered an untapped resource: former club members! A reunion luncheon began to take shape, with the Membership Committee reaching out to those men and women who had once been active in the club, but for a variety of reason had dropped off the rolls.



Committee member Tim Ross said, "We were looking for a way to rekindle relationships, and this event seemed to spark some genuine excitement in our current membership."

"The common thread that binds our current and former members is a belief in the Objects of Kiwanis, and the mission of Kiwanis. Reigniting that spark during our membership campaign, and reaching out to former members, was something that appealed to all of us," said committee member Don Emerson.

Other members of the Membership Committee are Randy Beard, Greg Yurco and Steve Lewis.

A free Kiwanis reunion luncheon was held on Thursday, June 28 featuring door greeters, a buffet lunch with dessert, and a "memory table" with photos and items collected through the Warren club's many happy years. Each of the 13 former members who attended received a name tag, a hearty welcome, and a new member information packet.

The special speaker for the day was former Ohio Congressman John Bocchieri, commander of the 773rd Airlift wing at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

Master of Ceremonies for the day was club member Steve Lewis. His remarks addressed the struggle that many service organizations face today: returning the group to relevance and robustness in the communities served. Lewis said that while Kiwanians

may need to reinvent their style and approach, they should not reinvent their mission, which remains solid.

"A different world cannot be built by indifferent people," Lewis stated, and he invited those in attendance to recommit to the Warren Kiwanis Club.

The Membership Committee is also planning special membership drive meetings in July and in August.

Photo cutline: Steve Lewis, with the Warren Kiwanis Membership Committee, offers welcoming remarks during the club's first-ever Reunion Luncheon.

Warren Kiwanians Awarded Life Member Status

07/03/2012 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn



The Kiwanis Club of Warren has awarded Life Member Status to longtime members Ralph Smith and Steven Lewis.

Both Smith and Lewis have been members of the Warren Kiwanis Club since 1984.

Smith has been a president and secretary of the Warren Club, as well as a past Kiwanian of the Year. He has chaired the club's annual Peanut Sale campaign for the past several years.

Lewis has been a board of directors member, club president and was a past Kiwanian of the Year.

Both men are recipients of a George F. Hixon Fellowship from the Warren Kiwanis Club. The Hixon Fellow Award is named in memory of the first president of Kiwanis International and recognizes a monetary gift to the Kiwanis International Foundation in the name of the honoree.

Club President Patrick McFall said, "It is our privilege to honor these two Kiwanians with Life Member Status. The spirit of our club is exemplified in both Ralph and Steve. We value their contributions to our community and to the Kiwanis organization.

The Warren Kiwanis Club, established in 1920, meets each Thursday from noon until 1 p.m. at the Buena Vista Café in Warren. Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization of men and women who share the challenge of community and world improvement. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information, visit the web site at www.warrenkiwanis.org

Photo cutline: (l-r) Warren Club members and Life Member recipients Ralph Smith and Steven Lewis.

Berea National Rib Burn-Off a Huge Success

06/26/2012 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Mike Nichols

The Kiwanis Club of Berea provided volunteers to operate two Pop Stands over the Memorial Day weekend. One stand was on the Midway and the other was by the live entertainment band stand. Organized by the Berea City Club, the four day event was held at the Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds and featured contestants from all over the United States to vie for the honor of "Best Ribs & Best Sauce". The Kiwanian volunteers sold soda pop and bottled water to go with the main attraction ribs. Unlike last year the weather cooperated with only one downpour to dampen the late Friday night customers' spirits.



Volunteering selling pop & bottled water blended community service with a chance to work shoulder to shoulder with fellow Kiwanians. Over 320 hours were volunteered by the Berea Club.

Mike Nichols

Dash for Dignity Aids Local Middle School Anti Bullying Program

06/26/2012 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Mike Nichols



The Kiwanis Club of Berea provided volunteers for race registration and race course directions for the participants in the first annual Dash for Dignity 5k race and one (1) mile community walk. The 7th and 8th grade students, teachers, and administrators of the Frederick Roehm Middle School in Berea sponsored the event to raise funds for future "dashes", anti-bullying programs, and the Eleanor Rocks Foundation. The event was sponsored by the Berea City Schools, Active Runner, and several local businesses. Preparation for the dash included in-classroom lessons on healthy eating and regular exercise and outside physical training for the dash.

Kiwanis is proud of the initiative taken by the boys and girls and hope the event will continue on in the future.

Mike Nichols