

# BUCKEYE BULLETIN

Ohio District of Kiwanis International

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## District Governor's Report

07/19/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

**What a great time we had in Vancouver!** The Kiwanis International Convention was held in Vancouver, BC over June 26-29. It is a beautiful city and it was tremendous to have about 200 Ohioans out there! From the grand opening session, to the important and busy delegates session to the closing session highlighted by singer Sarah McLachlan-awarded the Kiwanis World Service Medal-excellent! The numerous educational forums and meetings were very helpful. Immediate Past International President Alan and Jeri Penn represented Ohio very well as always! We had a great time **in FELLOWSHIP** while taking care of the many activities of Kiwanis.



**We celebrate** the chartering of our 2nd new club this year-in Garfield Heights! This is in addition to the new club in West Chester. These clubs are great news as Kiwanis can now be **in SERVICE** to additional Ohio communities. Soon, I hope to announce more new clubs in communities throughout the district.

This is the time to **clean up your club's membership roll**. We do not want to lose any Kiwanis member. But, the truth is-many clubs delete members in September and October. If you plan to delete members at the end of the year, instead, do so now. There is no reason to wait until October, clean up the membership rolls now. Do so as of the end of July. Then hold a membership drive in August. The membership goal is for each club to end up with at least plus 2 members by September 30, compared to last October 1. **Let's use this last quarter to strengthen our membership!**

And don't forget the **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** option-for each Kiwanian, a second or third person in the same household can join for half of the International and District dues. Your next new club member could be across the family room. **Just ask!**

**The Ohio District Convention will be held in Lima on August 9-11.** It will start on Friday at 3:30 with forums. (There will be a Golf Outing and dinner on Thursday for anyone interested.) The opening session and BBQ dinner will be at 6:30 on Friday evening. Saturday will be filled with educational forums, a luncheon including an address

by **Stephen Hill**, our International Counselor. The afternoon will include the Delegate session when the business and elections of the district will be handled-**I encourage your club to have 3 delegates.** The Governor's Banquet will be Saturday night and allow us to recognize those who have worked to make this a successful year. On Sunday, we'll hold a memorial service and close the convention. **See you in Lima!**

Please bring baskets to Lima for the Silent auction in the basket room. Baskets full of a variety of items following a theme with a value of up to \$75 are needed and you are welcome to donate more than one-from you, your club, a local business, your division, etc. Baskets can be dropped on Friday and the basket room will be open for bids on Saturday. The proceeds will go to the First Lady's Project to serve others **in HEALING.**

**Enjoy life and remember to  
REACH OUT IN FELLOWSHIP, IN SERVICE AND IN HEALING!**

**Governor Craig Wallace**  
**cwallace@woh.rr.com**

## **District Secretary's Notes**

*07/29/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman*



As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being prepared, district Kiwanians are preparing for our 96th Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in Lima, Ohio at the Veterans Memorial Convention Center. 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.ohiokiwans.org](http://www.ohiokiwans.org)), for updated convention information about the activities taking place August 9-

11 in Lima.

### **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, 2013. Once again all clubs were encouraged to report their 2013-14 officers' online using KiwanisOne. As of July 29th, only 129 Ohio Kiwanis clubs have submitted their report through KiwanisOne. This is slightly more than 50% of clubs in the district, but well ahead of last year's total. 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.

### **2013 International Convention and Alaska Cruise**

As Governor Craig noted in his article, the Ohio District had a fine turnout at our 2013 International Convention in Vancouver and 77 Ohio Kiwanis members and friends joined us as we spent 7 days cruising in and around Alaska. Instead of my picture with this article, you will find Immediate Past International President Alan and First Lady Jeri Penn and Ohio District Foundation President Bill Flinta and Peggy Flinta spelling out OHIO in front of the Mendenhall Glacier. Hopefully the Alumni Magazine for The Ohio State University will give us a place in an upcoming issue!

## **CLE Makeup Session plus Club Secretary Training Planned**

For those 2013-14 Club Officers who were unable to attend Leadership Education in their local divisions, a makeup session is being planned for Friday afternoon, August 9th in Lima, Ohio at the Wingate 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](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org). In addition, the new CLE Session for Club Secretary's will take place on Saturday, August 10th in the first workshop session beginning at 9:45 am. Please be sure to attend this very important training.

Dave Whiteman  
District Secretary

## **Convention Countdown**

*06/25/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Beverly Beery*



We are now just days away from the 2013 District Convention in Lima, Ohio. Hopefully, your registration has already been submitted. The golf greens are waiting, the food has been ordered, the sessions are scheduled, decorations ready, meetings all arranged, we are ready for "take off"!!

Saturday's Governor's Banquet to honor Craig Wallace and his/our First Lady, Lee Ann, will certainly be a highlight to thank them for their dedication to the Ohio District this past year. You will not want to miss the wonderful food, entertainment, speakers and fellowship.

Sunday's Memorial and Prayer Service will be followed by a brunch and then we will be installing our new Governor, Jennifer DeFrance, and her District Board. This also proves to be a very special event by holding it in conjunction with the convention.

We also want to remind everyone to bring baby bottles, diapers of any size, formula, baby shampoo and lotion, bibs, rattles or anything that might help a young mother in caring for her infant. Our community service project recipient this year is Heartbeat of Lima. They offer hope, education and resources to women and teens challenged by pregnancy and parenting. All of their services are free. We will also have a container for monetary donations.

We can't encourage you enough to be part of the true Kiwanis experience by participating in the 96th Annual Convention. It is our goal that you will come away motivated and inspired to go back to your local Kiwanis Clubs committed more than ever to touch and change the lives of children and make this a better world for them to live in.

See you in Lima!!!

Bev Beery, Co Chair  
2013 District Convention

## **YCPO Summer Fun Projects**

*07/21/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Ashley Ritz*

Happy Summer! Summertime presents us with a variety of opportunities to reach out to



the young children in our community. Clubs are encouraged to carry out two projects per year. Listed below are YCPO projects that your club can do.

1. Donate baby items (food, formula, clothes, blankets, etc.)
2. Support Shots for Tots
3. Host a Baby Shower and invite local charities as the recipients of the gifts.
4. Donate children's books
5. Support/provide water safety programs
6. ELIMINATE
7. Distribute home safety checklists
8. Donate Teddy Bears/Dolls to kids in a Hospital or Shelter
9. Make knot fleece blankets and distribute them to agencies serving young children.
10. C.H.A.D.(Children Have An iDentity) stickers
11. Purchase new car seats for your local hospital to give to new parents who cannot afford a car seat.
12. Support March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network , &/or Help Me Grow
13. Make & distribute Kiwanis Dolls.
14. Support a local preschool, child care center, or Head Start program by volunteering time or collecting funds.
15. Collaborate with local social service agencies on how to educate the public on child abuse and child abuse prevention.

Additional projects ideas can be found at:

<http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=116>

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention.

Ashley Ritz  
2012-13 District Chair  
Young Children: Priority One

## **How to Have Fun and Build Your Club's Membership**

*07/22/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dick Brulotte*

If your Kiwanis Club meets weekly, you sometimes have the problem of trying to come up with one more monthly meeting for those months that may have five meeting dates. Our club meets every Tuesday and on those months that have five Tuesdays, we just make one of the month's meetings a "Fifth Tuesday Friends and Family Kiwanis Night". These "Fifth Tuesday" meetings always involve fun and a special invite to our members, spouses & partners, former members of our Kiwanis Club, and friends of Kiwanis in the community!

We've had all sorts of fun times, including a "Cheap Date Night" for Valentine's Day which included flowers for the ladies, cards for everyone and a short, but amusing romantic film (Wallace & Grommit) all for our regular dinner price of \$10. Other special nights have included a trip to a local wine shop for a wine tasting and dinner of "small plates" of delicious appetizers and pizza and a Holiday Auction to raise funds for special projects. Most recently our Club had a "Murder Mystery Dinner" which featured a Downton Abbey style theme and murder! The next planned evening will feature a special presentation of a local photographer's work with helpful tips to improve your photographic skills and a chance to learn where to find your inspiration for those great photos! These programs can even include your annual Christmas Party or Summer Picnic which most clubs already schedule each year.

This is definitely a win/win proposition. You not only attract a larger crowd of members, but you always get a fairly good turn-out of spouses and partners who often only see Kiwanis in action as part of a service project, but not only think of these evenings as "special thanks for being supportive of our efforts", but also find the evening as a chance to see Kiwanis in a different light. It's also a chance to encourage your former members and other "friends" in the community to come and enjoy good Kiwanis camaraderie and perhaps persuade them to return to the fold or decide to commit and join your Club. Regardless of the turnout – it will be fun for one and all!

Dick Brulotte  
Membership Growth Representative  
Divisions 11-N and 11-S

## **New Model clubs, Zeller help Ramp Up to District convention**

*07/19/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.*



Lots of good news abounds regarding the Ohio District and its success with the Eliminate project. Very recently, Kent, Powell and Lakewood have added their names to the Model club list, followed closely by Mt.

Gilead who has pledged to become a Silver club (\$500 per member). All totaled, these clubs will save over 63,000 lives!

Additionally, this has been made easier by the fact that Ohio's goal has been moved back to its original figure of \$4.2 million - so let's all get excited and move forward together! There is always time for your club to pledge and become a Model club, which is a five year commitment to saving lives. A new proposal out by the Eliminate team suggests one Zeller per every 20 members, plus club and individual fundraising of equal proportions. This idea can be scaled up or down based on the size of your club. Let your division or multi-division coordinator know if you would like more information on how to make this proposal work for you.

Finally collect your gently used Kiwanis merchandise and bring it to the Eliminate booth at district convention. The club who has brought in the most items will receive the pot of money at the end of the convention.

Thanks so much to everyone who has volunteered and worked diligently for the Eliminate project. It is a matter of Ohio Buckeye Pride that we continue our successful goal of saving 61 million lives by 2015!

Cindy Champer  
District Coordinator  
The Eliminate Project

## **Plan for Kiwanis Kids**

*07/21/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Faith Cook, ODK Kiwanis Kids Chair*

The 2012-13 school year ended with 59 active K-Kids Club in Ohio. We need to plan ahead to keep these clubs, the other Kiwanis Kids programs we support and continue to build new ones.



Maintain an expense line item in your club's budget. A \$150 sponsorship fee is now



required for all K-Kids Clubs. Although no sponsorship fee is needed for Bring Up Grades or Terrific Kids Programs, an optional start up kit is available for \$85.

In August club SLP Chairs should meet with school principals and Kiwanis and Faculty, or Faculty, Advisors to plan the coming school year.

K-Kids supported The Eliminate Project through participation in Trick or Treat for UNICEF, Eliminate Week and other fund raisers. As of July 15, 2013, U.S. K-Kids raised \$88,747.51. [www.TheEliminateProject.org/K-Kids](http://www.TheEliminateProject.org/K-Kids) has more information and ideas. Encourage continued support.

Kiwanis International sponsors annual K-Kids contests to find the best speakers, essay writers, scrapbook organizers, and leaders. Offer to help organize these contests. The Annual Achievement Report recognizes K-Kids clubs that earn points for various service activities to school and community. Clubs with 120 points receive "Distinguished Club," those with 80 points receive "Honor Club." Congratulations to the following clubs and their Faculty Advisors for achieving these awards.

#### "DISTINGUISHED CLUB"

Kidder Elementary, Brunswick; Jennifer Gegorski  
Independence, Lima; Sara Bowsher

#### "HONOR CLUB"

Heritage Elementary, Lima; Crystal Miller  
Family Life Before and After, Lakewood; Nickele Coss

Your continued support of the Kiwanis Kids Programs will help young people become leaders while having fun!

Faith Cook  
Kiwanis Kids District Chair

## Builders Club Charter Update

*07/19/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Suzanne Lemak*



At the April 2013 Kiwanis International Board meeting, the following change was made:

**"The Kiwanis International Board approves the chartering of a Builders club without a sponsoring Kiwanis club. This change is effective June 1, 2013."**

Builders Club is a service club for students between the ages of 10 and 15 years. The program's purpose is to provide personal growth in its members through community service, leadership development, and fellowship activities. Each Builders Club shall adopt and adhere to the approved form for club bylaws for Builders Club, and shall elect officers and hold regular meetings.

In the event a school has formally requested a Builders Club and no sponsoring Kiwanis club is available, a Builders Club may be built provided the following conditions are met:

- A.** The proper school official requests the new Builders Club in writing

**B.** The Kiwanis district must certify that no Kiwanis club is available or interested to provide sponsorship

**C.** The proper school official agrees to abide by the terms of sponsorship as set forth by Kiwanis International.

In the event a school will not allow the organization of a Builders Club, a community-based organization with facilities for meeting and appropriate staff for club advisement may be substituted in place of the school. Such a Builders Club must bear a name that represents the community in which it exists. A staff member or parent must be substituted for and act as the faculty advisor to the club.

## **District Convention will be a Great Opportunity for Kiwanis Education**

*07/26/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jamie Kaufman*

Ohio District Kiwanis Convention is just around the corner. August 9-11, we will be hosted in the great city of Lima for our annual District Convention. Chairs Candy and Bev and their entire committee have put together a wonderful event this year.

We will be treated to a fantastic venue and an even better event. The Education Committee has worked very hard to ensure that the Educational Forums are as exciting as the rest of the convention. To this end, we will have 3 rounds of workshops on Saturday featuring 6 forums in each round. Kiwanis members and guests will have the opportunity to hear about Governor-Elect Jennifer's new project, Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities; gain new fund raising ideas to help in efforts towards the Eliminate Campaign, here from past Kiwanis International Presidents and our incoming International Counselor.



There will be forums on membership growth, new service project ideas, engaging our sponsored programs, and many more. Please join us at District Convention in Lima to celebrate our past year and start our new Kiwanis year on the right footing.

I hope to see you all there.

Jamie Kaufman  
2012-13 Education Chair

## **Aktion Club Update**

*07/28/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Hobart*

The 2013 Ohio District Aktion Club Convention will be held on August 24-25 at Recreation Unlimited. Please encourage your Aktion Club members to go to the Aktion Club District Website [www.ohioaktion.org](http://www.ohioaktion.org) to download the registration, medical, and contest forms, so that they can attend and participate in this annual event.

A tentative agenda has been sent out to the Advisor e-mail addresses that I received from Kiwanis International.

Please contact me at [rhobart@limitedbrands.com](mailto:rhobart@limitedbrands.com) if you have any questions concerning this event.



## Club News

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### **Sixth Division Sponsors Student Recognition Luncheon**

*06/23/2013 - Club: Northside and College Hill, Cincinnati - Submitted by: Don Beimesche*

On Tuesday, April 23rd, the Ohio Sixth Division sponsored their 58th Annual Student Recognition hosted by the Northside-College Hill Kiwanis Club. There were 36 high school seniors honored for their scholastic achievements as well as their extra curricular activities and their volunteer activities. The luncheon was held at the Twin Towers Retirement Center and about 150 people were in attendance. This included the students, faculty members, parents, and Kiwanians. The keynote speaker was Sheriff James Neil, newly elected sheriff of Hamilton County. The emcee was Don Beimesche from the Northside-College Hill Club. Jerry Schwartz of the Cleves-Three Rivers Club gave a summary of the achievements of each student. The students each received a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Lt. Governor of the Sixth Division, Steven Schinkal. The ceremony ended with a Hamilton County Police Bagpiper leading the participants out of the auditorium.



### **Oldest meets newest**



06/22/2013 - Club: Cleveland - Submitted by: Kevin Brusk



It was a special day for the Kiwanis of Northeast Ohio, when officers from the second oldest Kiwanis Club and the soon to be newest Kiwanis Club came together for CLE training. The Kiwanis Club of Cleveland was formed in 1915 and soon the Kiwanis Club of Garfield Heights will be chartered thanks to the sponsorship from the Independence Kiwanis Club. The meeting of these two clubs is a reminder to all Kiwanians of the rich history and traditions that we share along with the reminder

that freshness and vigor of new ideas will help our organization to continue to grow. All though 98 years separates these two clubs they both share one Kiwanis goal of "serving the children of the world," and they strive to make the Northeast Ohio community a better place.

Pictured are

Front row – Debra Sarnowski, Secretary/Treasurer GH, Mary Stamler, President GH, Sally Templeman President-Elect GH

Back Row - Julia Loeb, President-Elect CLE, Hasani Wheat, President-Elect CLE, Michael Nenanovich, Board Member GH, Deborah Nicastro, President IND, Edith Schilla, Secretary IND