

# BUCKEYE BULLETIN

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## “Summertime and the livin’ is easy...”

*07/15/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger*

This is a line from a song in the Broadway musical Porgy & Bess, but it applies to the way I feel when summer finally comes to Ohio. I enjoy backyard barbeques, picnics, gardening, planning vacations, trips to the pool and resting in a hammock. I don't have a hammock, but I think you get the point. I feel we all deserve this kind of feeling after another long hard winter.

Summertime is also an “easy” time to invite potential members to our social events, fundraisers, and service projects. Inviting someone to participate in these events gives them a great snapshot of what Kiwanis is all about. It is fun, fellowship, and service. The fundraisers make the service possible. To introduce friends, colleagues, and acquaintances to Kiwanis in this way gives them a bigger picture of who we are and what we do. Kiwanians enjoy their meetings, but some potential members may be more interested in the service Kiwanians provide.



People who are new to your community may be looking for a way to meet new friends and become part of their new home town. Getting an invitation to a Kiwanis event might be a way to connect to their new surroundings.

Last year during our Mid-Year Education Day one of the forums was presented by 4 clubs in the Ohio District that have had very steady and positive membership growth. These were small, medium and large clubs from several different areas of the district. They presented some of their success ideas. I have chosen a few to share with you.

- Be actively involved with your Chamber of Commerce
- Brainstorm professions and jobs in the community and develop prospective members for each category
- Develop a Facebook page or Website and keep them current
- Have an active membership committee
- Have a written recruitment plan
- Be in local parades carrying placards that name club and signature projects
- Contact members who are not attending to enlist their help in projects
- Do an annual club assessment

These are just a few of the positive ideas that were presented. You can share one or more of them with your board of directors and start to see a difference in your club's retention rate and member recruitment.

We are enjoying the summer that we waited so long to have. It is a time of renewal, rejuvenation, and growth. Not only in our gardens, but in our clubs.

Ask everyone in your club to invite a perspective member. If your members love their club, they will want to share the feeling with others. If they share that feeling, our clubs will grow. Growth is essential for the future of our great Ohio District of Kiwanis and our legacy of service to the children of our communities. Don't sit back and let someone else do it for your club, be the change agent.

My theme all year has been "Soar to New Heights in Kiwanis Service". The only way we can do that is to retain our current members and recruit new ones. Now is the time to reconnect with inactive members and give them a purpose to be a Kiwanian. It is the time to invite someone new to share your Kiwanis experience and find the joy in serving others.

Enjoy all the "easy livin'" that summer brings. It won't last long!

Yours in Kiwanis service,  
Governor Diana

## **District Secretary's Notes**

*07/15/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman*



As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being completed, we are preparing for our 98th Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in the Doubletree by Hilton Cleveland East Hotel in Beachwood, Ohio. Additional information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, as well as on the District Convention page of our district website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org). Online registration is also available at that site.

### **Report of Club Elections**

The deadline for return of the Club Elections Report to Kiwanis International and the Ohio District was June 1st. Once again all clubs were asked to report their 2015-16 club officer's online using KiwanisOne. As of July 15th, only 96 of 227 clubs have filed their report online. This is slightly above last year at this time. If your club has not filed the report yet, please do so immediately. If you have the same officers remaining in place next year, please file the report and tell us that is the case. This information is critical as it is used to publish the International and District Directories. In addition, the information is used to build a database that will be used for future mailings to your club. Thanks for your prompt attention to this request.

### **CLE Makeup Session Planned**

For those 2015-16 Presidents who were unable to attend Club Leadership Education (CLE) in their local areas, a makeup session is being planned for Friday afternoon, August 14th in Beachwood at the convention hotel. This makeup session will be held beginning at 1 PM on Friday afternoon. Please call the district office to reserve a spot at

this session.

### **CLE for Club Secretaries**

At this year's District Convention a 1 hour module for Club Secretaries will be given on Saturday morning and Sarah Roush will be leading it. This session will take the place of attendance at the local CLE session and it will be tailored strictly to you. If you are a Club Secretary, I would encourage you to attend this very important training session.

Dave Whiteman  
District Secretary

## **It's Almost District Convention Time!!!**

*07/17/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dennis Lehman*

What will you be doing the weekend of August 14-16? I hope you will be at the Ohio District Kiwanis Convention in Beachwood, Ohio. The convention will be held at the Double Tree Hotel near the intersection of I 271 and Chagrin Boulevard on the east side of Cleveland.

This is our annual meeting where we do Kiwanis business and elect our officers for the 2015-16 Kiwanis year. There will also be the annual Ohio Foundation meeting and election of Foundation Board members. Remember, all Kiwanians are Foundations members and have a vote. This will also be a time to meet old friends and make new ones.



The 2015 Ohio Kiwanis Convention will be a special one to attend for several reasons. First, we will be celebrating "100 YEARS OF KIWANIS SERVICE" in the Ohio District. We will start the weekend with a good old-fashioned "Birthday Party" on Friday night. You will want to come so we can all celebrate together!

Another reason to attend is to welcome our newest Kiwanis International Trustee from the Ohio District. Last month at the Kiwanis International Convention, our own John DeVilbiss was elected to the trustee position for three years. By attending the convention, you will have the opportunity to meet John and his wife Wanda and congratulate them and offer your support. On Saturday night there will be a reception for John and Wanda after the Governor's Banquet.

At the Governor's Banquet you will have the opportunity to share a great evening with our Governor Diana Keplinger, her husband Tom and her class of officers. Diana has planned a great convention and fun banquet. She has also provided a service project to raise money for ELIMINATE and help others who need shoes through the "Mission in Motion" organization. Bring your old shoes in bags of 25 pairs. The shoes can be in any condition, but need to be together in pairs. We also will be collecting "new" socks for the homeless of Cleveland.

On Sunday there will be the usual church service and memorial service for our Kiwanis members who have "passed" this last year. The convention will end with a special Installation Brunch where Governor-elect Amy Zimmerman will introduce her team for the 2015-16 Kiwanis year. You will want to attend and meet the new Ohio Kiwanis leadership.

There are many other events and activities available, such as the Basket Room, Kiwanis

Merchandise sale, Table Displays, and many Educational Forums. With all these opportunities, you won't want to miss this convention. Go to the Ohio District web site at [www.ohiokiwans.org](http://www.ohiokiwans.org) for on-line registration and hotel information. Please register now and I'll see you at the Ohio District Convention.

Dennis Lehman  
2015 District Convention Chairman

## The Formula Successes

07/07/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove



What a great year this has been. The enthusiasm to strengthen our clubs grows each day. Getting stronger is important and doable.

I would like to recognize several clubs who have become stronger this year.

As of June 30, many clubs have shown significant percentage growth: Anderson Hills, Cincinnati (57%), Lisbon (55%), Chardon Area, Chardon (35%), Lexington (33%), Delaware County (33%), Geneva (29%), Hudson (27%), Nordonia Hills (25%), Richmond Heights (24%), Northridge, Dayton (23%), Hicksville (22%), Ashland (22%), North Ridgeville (22%), Riverfront, Cincinnati (21%), South Columbus (20%), Cleves-Three Rivers (19%), Willard Area (19%), Barberton (19%), Austintown (19%) and Mason (18%),

And the following clubs have shown great absolute growth in the number of members: Mason (13), Bellefontaine (12), Oxford (10), Cheviot-Westwood (10), Barberton (10), Bowling Green (9), Riverfront, Cincinnati (9), Mansfield (9), Delaware County (8), and Columbus (8).

Congratulations to these clubs – I encourage them keep up the effort. They show strengthening your club can be done.

I challenge every club to join this list.

Members having a meaningful experience – one that meets their needs – love their club. By enthusiastically sharing their experience with others, and living their Kiwanis experience, more people join and our service grows. And these are members who stay!

Be a member who loves, shares and lives your Kiwanis experience. Do it for your club – do it for your community. This is how we continue our great legacy of community service. Only you can do it. Add your club to the list of clubs growing stronger every day.

It's your Kiwanis club: Love it! Live it! Share it!

Bill Snellgrove, District Chair

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## Come to DCON, Your Club will Benefit

07/09/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Eric Bush

For the 98th time, Ohio Kiwanians will gather for the annual District Convention. Celebrating our first 100 years of service leading the way to improving the world one child and one community at a time. In the movie "Back to the Future II" the flying DeLorean entered Hill Valley in October 2015 with a hovering sign with a Kiwanis logo greeting everyone. **Let's get ready for that!**

The future is bright and it begins with our clubs. What does it take to keep your club thriving? Are you prepared to reach new heights with your membership? Are you ready to increase the impact in your community and the world?

The education committee has been busy planning sessions for the District Convention to do just that. From utilizing technology to market your club to The Formula for many phases of club health. Remember ELIMINATE? We need to finish strong with our pledges to the women and children of the world. So much progress has been made, but we need to be Ohio proud with how we finish. Sessions will be available to help. In the first 100 years, we have had great leadership. Is your club's leadership depth chart stacked like the Ohio State offense? Is your club taking appropriate steps to protect youth in your activities? Are you protecting yourself from risk? You can leave the District Convention with these questions answered and even some sources for revenue for your projects.



The next 100 years of Kiwanis in Ohio is promising, but it won't happen by accident. Together we can make it happen. It all happens in August 2015 -- Hope to see you there!

In Kiwanis Service,

***Eric Bush***

## **Ohio District Circle K Update**

*07/16/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Tyler Milburn*



Hello Ohio Kiwanians! I would like to take time to thank each of you for your support of Ohio Circle K. Just a few weeks ago, some members and I were fortunate enough to travel to Indianapolis and celebrate your 100th year of making a difference. While we had our International Convention in Indianapolis too, we were able to attend your opening and closing sessions and interact with Kiwanians throughout the week. Because of your support, we were able to join you in Indianapolis and really get the chance to see what Kiwanis stands for.

During our time in Indianapolis, we were busy providing service to local communities through our Large Scale Service Project, electing our own new International Board, and meeting members from across the world and really learning what it means to be an international organization. After such an eventful and impactful week, I cannot believe how fast it went by and how much of a difference it made to me and the other Circle K members there.

I am very thankful to have been able to share such a special time with you all at International Convention and I'm excited to continue sharing these experiences with

you. This year we were able to more than triple our representation at our International Convention, largely due to your support of us and helping to make a costly but meaningful event possible for us. With the cost of attending convention being hundreds of dollars, many of us college students struggle to pay for the event while also paying for our tuition and school-costs each year. Thankfully, you know how important and impactful attending International Convention is and were able to help us make the dream of attending a reality.

I would love to share more of my convention experience with you, so please ask me about it and reach out to me. As we continue our year, I'm very excited to continue working with you all and making a difference together. I will be seeing many of you at your District Convention in August, so feel free to come up to me, introduce yourself, and ask me about how Circle K is working to give back to Kiwanis and our communities. Circle K is able to do a lot of great work, and we would not be nearly as effective if it weren't for the support you give us. Thank you.

In Service,  
Governor Tyler Milburn  
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## **Shoes for H.O.P.E. (and new socks for Cleveland Homeless Shelters)**

*07/15/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger*

The shoe drive is coming into the final month. Clubs around the district have been collecting shoes of all sizes, styles and conditions for several weeks. During the week of June 15 we successfully shipped 25,059 pounds of shoes out of Ohio. The following areas of the district were represented: Division 24- 4,017 pounds, Columbus area Divisions 10 and 11- 10,4009 pounds, Cincinnati area- 773 pounds, Coldwater- 7069 pounds, and New Vienna- 2,791 pounds.

The shoes were sent to third world nations to be redistributed through microenterprise partners and used to help impoverished people start, maintain, and grow an enterprise to feed, clothe, and house their families. We are giving these people a "hand up" and a way to improve their lives. Kiwanis is truly a "global organization".



The shoe collection will conclude at the Ohio District Kiwanis Convention on August 14 and 15 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Beachwood.

Shoes will be collected in the EAST PARKING LOT of the hotel on FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH FROM 2-6 P.M. and SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH FROM 7 A.M. TO 12 NOON. Signs will clearly show the way to the truck that will collect the shoes. Please look for the signs of a shoe with an arrow to the east parking lot.

Please remember that the shoes will only be accepted if they are in bags of 25 pairs and clearly marked with your division number. Please use heavy-duty garbage bags. Thin bags tear and result in lost shoes. Random boxes and bags of shoes cannot be accepted. They need to be bagged and marked to be placed on the truck.

If your division has 100 or more bags of shoes to bring to Cleveland, a special pick up in your area of the district can be arranged. You must contact Governor Diana by July 30th and guarantee at least 100 bags to be placed on a list for this special service. After July 30th all other bags of shoes must be transported to the District Convention in Beachwood.

Prizes will be awarded to the Division, Key Club, Circle K Club or Aktion Club that collects and delivers the most bags of shoes for the campaign.

**SOCKS, SOCKS AND MORE SOCKS!!** During the cold and wet months of the year, people who live in homeless shelters are constantly in need of dry clothing to help them be comfortable and well. The homeless shelters of Cleveland can use new socks of any size, style or color. Please remember to ask your club members to send or bring packages of new socks to the convention. Convenient bins will be available to collect the socks throughout the hotel.

Thank you so much for your kindness, generosity and hard work for this campaign! It takes a lot of hours to collect, bag, mark, transport and lug large bags of shoes to a collection point. Your enthusiasm for this project has been wonderful!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Governor Diana at 419-566-5903 or dk.kiwanis@gmail.com.

## **Keeping Ohio's Kids Safe and Healthy**

*07/15/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: A. Alan Penn*



Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Board has worked hard over the past few months to prepare for our Kiwanis events and District convention.

The Foundation Board hosts "Baskets at DCON". All are encouraged to put together a unique basket. Plan to have a basket prepared by your division, your club, or yourself in our Silent Auction event. Funds generated help the Foundation with its mission to provide Pediatric Trauma Prevention and Treatment grants throughout Ohio.

Here is a great way to show your "Kiwanis Pride". Your Foundation will be recognizing those of you that have purchased the Ohio Kiwanis License Plate. Check out our display area at DCON and take pride in knowing that your purchase supports your Foundation. Ohio Kiwanis needs your help to maintain this program. We have to have 500 plates purchased each year to keep the Ohio Kiwanis License Plate Logo active. Can we count on your help?

What a fun time at your Ohio District Foundation Board's Annual Golf Outing in Canton, Ohio. We thank all of you that had teams participating and those that were sponsors. Proceeds from this event benefit the Foundation's program for safe and healthy kids in Ohio through our Pediatric Trauma initiative. Make plans now. Put our event on your agenda for next July. This is a wonderful fellowship opportunity with loads of good times while showing support for your Foundation.

Our annual Foundation meeting will take place on August 15th at 9 am at our Ohio District Kiwanis convention in Beachwood, Ohio. All members of Ohio Kiwanis Clubs are

voting members of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and are encouraged to be present to hear reports of the work of the Foundation, honor supporters of the Foundation, and elect our new members of the Board. We will be electing four new directors for three year terms. The Board has received the following nominations for the election of four members of the Board of Directors, whose terms will be effective October 1, 2015. The candidates are: Rosalie Beers (Xenia Kiwanis Club), Chuck Holtzman (Elyria Kiwanis Club), David Kuhn (Stow Munroe Falls Kiwanis Club), Mike Payton (New Boston Kiwanis Club), Gary Stumpf (West Geauga Kiwanis Club), and Hasani Wheat (Cleveland Kiwanis Club)

Plan to attend our Foundation Forum at convention entitled: Show me the \$\$ for my next Project (Grant Writing 101) - have an idea for a large project, need some extra funding, consider writing a grant from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Your donations to our Foundation allow us to give grants to Club projects throughout Ohio. Learn how you can access funds by attending this forum.

Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is separating the Secretary/Treasurers position now being handled by Jean Forbes. Jean has asked the Board to consider this change due to the increased work load for each position. Jean will continue helping the Board as she is preparing for retirement from the current position.

We will be posting the advertisement for each position on July 20th. If you have an interest or know of a potential applicant please contact Alan Penn, ODKF Executive Director. We will also have information posted on our website at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org). Our goal is to receive all applications by August 5th with interviews being conducted after that date.

As you can see, "Lots to do to keep Ohio Kids Safe and Healthy".

Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation at work for Ohio's Children.

A. Alan Penn  
Executive Director  
Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

## Soaring to New Heights will Equal Eliminate Success!

*07/06/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: CindyChamper*

Let me begin by thanking all of you for your continued work and support of the Eliminate project. For the women who often walk 8 or more hours to get their immunizations and save their unborn children, nothing could be more important. With this in mind, please thank the Columbus, Ohio club for being **THIRD IN THE WORLD** in terms of fundraising dollars! I am sure that the women and children thank you.



I also want to note that the special Centennial awards have been extended through December 31, 2015, along with 20% matching monies for new Model clubs! More ways to save more lives!

I also invite everyone to be part of district convention in August. In terms of Eliminate, there will be two forums - including one on impactful fundraising and another on how we can all Finish Strong. Additionally we will continue to have our Eliminate booth with both literature and gently used items. Please be sure to SIGN IN YOUR CLUB whether you



shop or donate items. All names are to be included for funds raised, so shop early and often!

Finally, let us not forget some of our more recent Eliminate successes - Findlay Kiwanis as Bronze; Cincinnati as Diamond; Columbus as Gold - who is next? Let us know how we can help you help others!

Cindy Champer  
District Coordinator  
The Eliminate Project

## Key Club Inspired by the Kiwanis Family

07/14/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Laura Colagiovanni



Hello Ohio Kiwanis!

This past month, 31 members of Key Club joined the Ohio District Tour along with several adult advisors on our way to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 2015 Key Club International Convention. While convention is always guaranteed to be both informative and entertaining, this year went above and beyond any attendee's expectations. Both general sessions and workshops allowed members to take away an abundance of ideas for their home clubs to use. House of Delegates gave a

direct look into the politics of Key Club, featuring many heated debates between members who without a doubt care for our organization. Another side of this was shown through the election of our talented 2015-2016 International Board.

While the Key Club Convention was memorable as always, it was the events with Kiwanis, Aktion Club, Circle K, and Key Club that truly left an impact on all in attendance. We were able to bond with members of the Kiwanis Family through events such as the Kiwanis World Showcase, Monumental Pancake Lunch, Kiwanis Fireworks Night at Victory Field, a concert from Hello Goodbye, and two general sessions. It was overwhelming to see members of every organization sitting amongst one another, holding conversations about where they are from, and celebrating 100 years of Kiwanis. Speakers during Kiwanis Family sessions inspired the Ohio District to move forward on to the next 100 years with enthusiasm and a rekindled desire to serve. Division 10 East Lieutenant Governor Sam Malik reflects on his experience, commenting "Words really cannot describe how amazing convention was. When you are standing in a room with a bunch of people with the same values, ambition, and desire to serve the world, a simple conversation with those once random people can make them family. You really do not realize how powerful and large this organization is until you attend International Convention, and I would be lying if I said I went more than a few minutes without getting goosebumps. From the endless inspirational speeches and hundreds of friends I made, I am so glad I attended ICON and I have never been prouder to be a part of any other organization in my life."

Thank you to all of the Kiwanis Clubs who sponsored a Key Club member to attend, whether that meant assisting in funding their trip or encouraging them to go. Our tour attendance would not reach nearly the same amount without your influence on those wishing to learn about service opportunities, new ways to fundraise, or effective leadership practices. It is those interactions with the entire Kiwanis Family that will resonate with these individuals for years to come.

Yours in Service,  
Laura Colagiovanni  
Ohio District Key Club Governor  
2015-2016  
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## Club News

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### **Wilmington Kiwanis Club celebrate Kiwanis 100yr Anniversary**

*07/20/2015 - Club: Wilmington, Clinton County, OH - Submitted by: Vermon Dillon*

The Wilmington Kiwanis Club celebrated Kiwanis 100yrs Anniversary with a Banquet on Thurs, July 16 at the The Wilmington Presbyterian Church. The club gave out Legion Of Honor awards to members with 25 plus years of service. The Mayor Of Wilmington Randy Riley gave a city proclamation honoring Kiwanis 100 yr Anniversary & the Wilmington Kiwanis Club to the community. Members, Aktion Club Members and special guest dine on a buffet meal & saw slideshow presentation of the club various activites thru out the year.



Pic (left to right) is Lt. Gov. Div 4 Nelson Smith Legion Of Honor Members, David Holmes, Bob Curtis, Vermon Dillon, Fred Matthews, Walter Hanks, & Mack Fife

### **Seville Kiwanis to Host Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition**

*07/17/2015 - Club: Seville - Submitted by: Donald Trigg*

The Seville Kiwanis Club will be hosting a Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition on Saturday, August 8th at Cloverleaf High School. Please see the flyer for additional information and feel free to contact me at [dlt419@aol.com](mailto:dlt419@aol.com) if you have questions.

[Click here](#) to open the informational flyer.

Don Trigg



## Student Filmmaker Boot Camp in Lima

07/17/2015 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert L. Day, Jr.

The Kiwanis Club of Lima Ohio is proud to have provided the seed money to launch the Students in Artist Filmmaker Boot Camp with a Kiwanis Foundation Grant. This filmmaker boot camp teaches students how to plan, write scripts, shoot and edit media to industry standards. For further information about the program please see the Facebook page of The Heartland Image Foundation Lima Kiwanis members Candy Newland and Millie Hughes wrote the original grant and Lima Kiwanis member Crystal Miller was an artist in residence. The final product "Service Clubs Unite" a PSA on area service clubs will highlight the valuable service provided by local service clubs. Participant Jamee produced the attached highlighting the Kiwanis motto, "Kiwanis Serves the Children of the World."



## Shoes for H.O.P.E.

06/23/2015 - Club: Coldwater - Submitted by: Barbara Kremer

6700 pairs of shoes were loaded into a large truck earlier this week for transportation to the Missions in Motion – Shoes for H.O.P.E. agency in Hamilton. The shoe collection is a statewide project of the Ohio District Kiwanis leading up to its convention in August. The Coldwater and Celina Kiwanis Clubs promoted the collection in this area for the past month. Due to the generous donations of shoes from folks in the community, the clubs were able to fill a large truck with 268 bags of shoes (packed 25 pair to a bag). The Coldwater and Celina Kiwanis clubs thank the Celina Mariners Baseball Team for providing the extra muscle needed to lift the heavy bags onto the truck. The shoes will be shipped to underdeveloped nations where many people have no shoes to protect them from parasitic-borne diseases that enter their bodies through the feet.



In the photo: Members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Celina and Coldwater, representatives of

Shoes for H.O.P.E., and Mariners baseball players.