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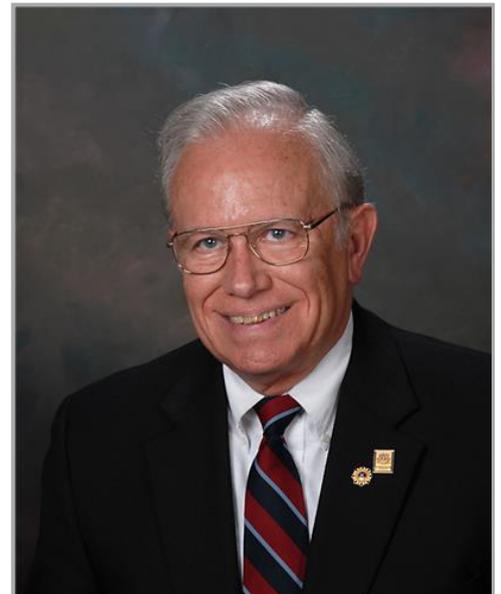
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District Governor's Report

06/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

The summer months are upon us and I am sure Kiwanis Clubs and members are making their plans for the summer. I hope, along with those plans, your club has additional plans for summer projects and plans to increase membership in your club. Although we are approaching an even status, equal gains and losses, in our membership count, we know that past history indicates that we will have a large number of membership deletes in September. We need to work hard on adding new members to our clubs to show a good gain for the year. Also, we need to add new Kiwanis clubs. Several Lt. Governors have indicated that there are possibilities for a new Kiwanis club in their Division. We need to get started. Contact your Lt. Governor if you have an area near your Kiwanis club that needs a new club. Establishing a new Kiwanis club can be one of the most rewarding things in Kiwanis service.



[Click here](#) to view the membership statistics report showing the "Plus Clubs" and "Plus Divisions" as of May 31, 2011. There are ninety (90) clubs that are "Plus Clubs" and Divisions 1N, 1S, 10E, 11N, 12, 16, 17, and 24 are "Plus Divisions". Congratulations to those leaders!

We have almost 100 members and guests from the Ohio District that will be attending the Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, where we will elect Alan Penn to the office of President of Kiwanis International. As we all know, Alan is a true leader of Kiwanis and he and his wife Jeri are truly dedicated to serving others at all times. We will also be launching the Eliminate Project, Maternal/Neonatal/Tetanus, at the convention. This horrible disease kills one newborn baby every 9 minutes. This is a fantastic project for Kiwanis International. Past Governor, Cindy Champer, has agreed to be the multi-year chair for Eliminate in the Ohio District. You will be hearing much more about this project, and how you and your club can be involved, at the Ohio District Convention in August.

Don't forget about the Ohio District Convention on August 12-14, at the Park Inn in Toledo, Ohio. A fantastic convention is being planned by the committee. The convention will start off with a special speaker on Friday evening, along with a reception for

President-Designate Alan Penn and First Lady Jeri. The candidate's reception will be after the reception for Alan and Jeri Penn. Saturday will bring a full range of activities from the Past Lt. Governors' breakfast in the morning to the Governor's Banquet in the evening. A number of valuable training sessions are planned during the day. Sunday morning will be the In-memoriam Service and the convention close. If you would like, and are available on Thursday night, it will be "Kiwanis Night" at the Toledo Mud Hens baseball game. A special part of the convention will be the launching of the Eliminate Project for the Ohio District. Cindy Champer and her committee will be telling us how the Ohio District will be involved in the campaign. We will also be having the 'silent auction' for baskets that you, our members, clubs, and divisions, have supplied for the auction. We also have another great event. We will be collecting new pairs of socks to present to the "Hannah's Socks" program. Our goal is 50,000 pairs of socks. We look forward to seeing you in Toledo.

District Secretary's Notes

06/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being prepared, district Kiwanians are preparing for our 94th Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in Toledo, Ohio at the Park Inn Toledo and the Seagate Convention Center. The convention committee is working very hard to make sure you have an enjoyable convention experience. Additional information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, as well as on the District Convention page of our district website at www.ohiokiwani.org.

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, 2011. Once again all clubs were encouraged to report their 2011-11 officers' online using KiwanisOne.

As of June 14th, only 133 Ohio Kiwanis clubs have submitted their report through KiwanisOne. This is slightly better than last year but it also means that a significant number of our Kiwanis Clubs have not yet filed this report. 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.

CLE Makeup Session Planned

For those 2011-12 Club Officers who were unable to attend Club Leadership Education (CLE) in their local divisions, a makeup session is being planned for Friday afternoon, August 12th in Toledo, Ohio at the Park Inn Toledo. The attendance at some of our sessions this year has been disappointing at best. I realize that many of our officers are repeating and they feel that they do not need to attend training. I can only tell you that the vast majority of clubs receiving the "Distinguished Club Award" and the vast majority of clubs experiencing growth are clubs who continually make sure their leaders attend the CLE Session prior to the start of their year. This makeup CLE session will be held on Friday afternoon prior to the start of our district convention.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

District Convention News

06/08/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

The Ohio District Convention will be held **August 12, 13 and 14 at the Park Inn in Toledo**. The convention kickoff will be Friday evening at 7 pm. During the weekend, there will be many activities. And there will be **new people to meet, new ideas to learn, as well as good times**.

Convention registration is now open! To register for the convention go to www.ohiokiwanis.org and click on "District Convention". When you register for the convention and the Saturday luncheon, you can also sign up for the Friday evening celebration for Alan Penn (at no cost), the Governor's Banquet, and breakfast on Sunday. If you are a past or current Lt Governor, you can also sign up for the Kardinal's breakfast on Saturday morning. If you sign up before August 1, you will receive an Early Bird discount. You can also reserve a hotel room on the web site.



During the convention we will be conducting a service project. Socks-any kind, size, or color of NEW socks-will be collected and donated to Hannah's Socks on Saturday afternoon at the convention. **Please collect socks between now and the convention**. The goal of the project is to donate at least 50,000 pair of socks to Hannah's Socks. The socks will be given to those who don't have socks.

The convention basket room is a fund raiser for the First Family Project. Individuals, clubs and divisions are asked to **donate baskets** with a value of up to 60 dollars to the basket room. The more baskets donated, the better, as all the proceeds go to a great cause. Then, at the convention, please bid on the baskets! You may end up with some excellent basket items.

The annual meeting of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will be conducted on Saturday morning at 8:30. All Ohio Kiwanians are members of the Foundation and **all are encouraged to attend** this meeting. The business of the foundation will be conducted during the meeting including elections for the Board of Directors.

On Saturday, there will be **18 education forums covering a wide range of topics**. The sessions will be in groups of 6 forums at 3 different times: 10-10:50, 11-11:50 and 1:45-2:30. Each of the presenters has been selected due to their interest and experience in the topic. Plan to attend the sessions. You will learn something new at each session.

With the Seagate Center as a part of the convention, there is an excellent space for exhibit tables. Don Overmyer is in charge of the exhibit tables and has the space all lined up for tables. A form to sign up for an exhibit table is available on the district web site. The tables are available on a first come basis-**encourage businesses who want to promote business with Kiwanians to reserve an exhibit table**.

We are going to see the Mud Hens play baseball! We have a block of 100 tickets for the Toledo Mud Hens game on Thursday August 11 at 7 pm. This is an added activity for those who want to go to the game. Payment must be made by check or cash to the district office July 1 to be considered for the block. Tickets will be handled in order of payment received.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU IN TOLEDO!!

Craig Wallace
Ohio District Convention Chair

Eliminate Project Begins

06/10/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.



The Ohio District of Kiwanis is pleased to announce the official kickoff of its participation in the ELIMINATE project. ELIMINATE is the second worldwide service project of Kiwanis International, and aims to save the lives of 129 million mothers and newborns. In this partnership with UNICEF, Kiwanis and its members seek

to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus in areas such as Africa, and southern and east Asia. In these areas, many poor women have limited or absent clean delivery services, and improper postpartum cord care, in addition to lack of education about the need for immunizations.

A simple \$2 can provide a series of three vaccinations that will protect a woman of childbearing age, along with providing immunity to her unborn children.

Ohio Eliminate coordinator Cindy Champer urges everyone to get involved! There will be a seminar and booth with lots of information at the Ohio District convention August 12-14, 2011 at the Park Inn and Seagate center, Toledo. You may also contact Cindy to schedule presentations at your club or division, contact: CindyChamper@aol.com or phone 419/350-0477.

Cindy Champer
Ohio District Eliminate Coordinator

Do You Know Any Distinguished Kiwanis Members?

06/09/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Joan Wilson

As we have wrapped up the month of May—Membership month—we want to acknowledge those members who have spread the Kiwanis spirit. Have your clubs check their rosters to see if they include any members who have met the Distinguished Member criteria.



1. Sponsor two or more members during current year
2. Attend either a mid-year, zone or regional conference, or registered to attend the international or district conventions
3. Participate in two or more service projects during the year

Every club needs Distinguished Members who "**Light the Fire**" for membership and help grow their club!

To register your members, the club president and secretary can fill out the [2010-11 Distinguished Member online form](#).

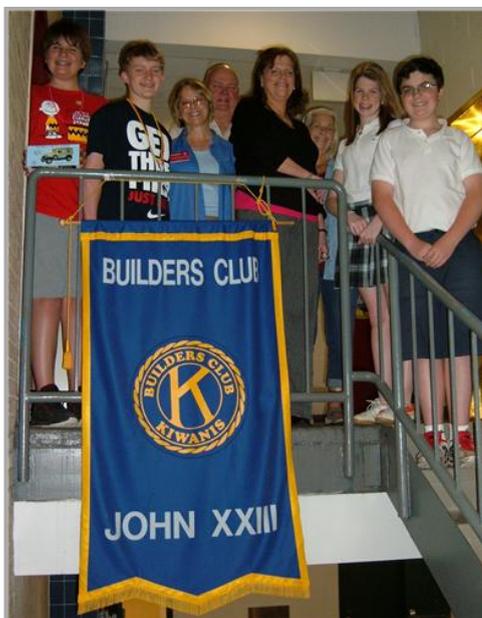
Distinguished Members will be awarded a lapel pin and will receive a special thank-you from President Sylvester Neal, which includes a "Light the Fire" lapel pin. This pin is awarded to members who are continuing to grow the Kiwanis organization by sponsoring new members. Special recognition will be bestowed upon these leaders at the 2012 international convention in New Orleans.

Let's get the pins ordered and worn by these members now to inspire others to strive for Distinguished status.

(Note: the lapel pins and letter are being sent directly to the member, on a weekly basis.)

Builders Club

06/12/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Suzanne Lemak



The school year is over and students are enjoying their summer vacation. However, even during the summer months your Kiwanis Club can be working with your Builders Club. Invite Builders Club members and their parents to a "fun" picnic. Have them participate with you in a Kiwanis Club summer project. Remember that service in your community is needed year round. As a Kiwanis member, you are modeling leadership for the youth with whom you work.

So far this Kiwanis year the Ohio District has opened five new Builders Clubs. The Lima Kiwanis Club took it one step further and sponsored two Builders Clubs – one in Lima North Middle School and another in Lima West Middle School.

Builders Clubs, K-Kids and Key clubs across the globe are teaming up with Nickelodeon to get out and play. On September 24, 2011, the Kiwanis family will join thousands of other organizations in the Nickelodeon 8th Annual Worldwide Day of Play. For three hours, all of Nick's networks and Web sites go black in an effort to encourage children to get out and play. Please save this date and begin thinking how you can participate. More information will be available at the Builders Club Exhibit table at the Ohio District Convention in Toledo from August 12-14.

Finally, check out the newly designed Builders Club website at www.buildersclub.org

Suzanne Lemak
2010-11 Builders Club Administrator

How Fresh is Your Website?

06/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Buescher

How does your club website rate? Anelis C. of South Dakota said it best: "I think it is very important to keep your website updated. If someone is interested in your club, they would like to know what's happening now ..."

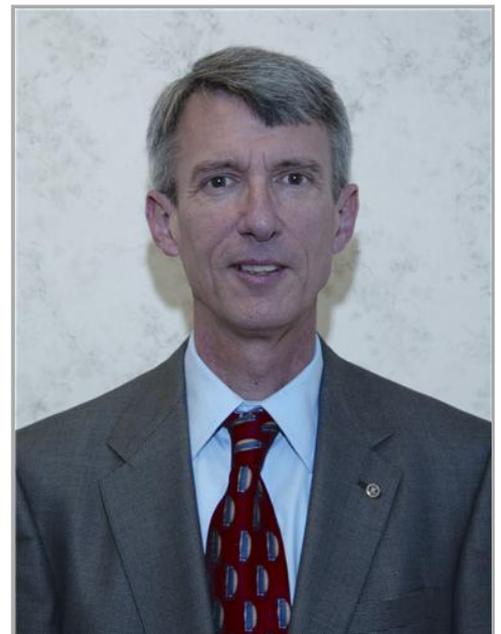
Here's an easy 1-2-3 test. Make sure these three critical areas of your home page are current, with nothing older than 30 days:

1. Club news
2. Events calendar
3. Welcome message or details about your club and club meetings

If yours doesn't pass, help is only a few clicks away. Get ready-to-run news briefs at

www.kiwanisone.org/readytorun. Schedule at least one event per month and post meeting dates and details promptly on your calendar. Post a welcome message and some information about your club front and center on your home page. And see www.kiwanisone.org/idealsite for examples.

Got your website basics under control? Then take it to the next level by consulting the best practices checklist at www.kiwanisone.org/webtools.



What Will Your Legacy Be?

06/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Len Abrams



What will be the legacy of your support for the Kiwanis International Foundation?

As I sit here looking out my window, at my lush surroundings, and reading my June Kiwanis Magazine, I am once again reminded of how lucky I am to have been born here with so many advantages. The first article tells a successful story about Kiwanians making a difference in a Cambodian village. A guide tells how the village has no well. He tells how his father was killed by The Khmer Rouge. Danny and Pam Spitler donate \$300 and a well is constructed. Beyond that a school becomes a reality.

Then there is the IDD update. Back in The 1990's Kiwanians pledged to raise \$75 million to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder Worldwide. To date we have raised \$100 million. Our greatest impact was to increase children's IQ's by 13 points in nations we touched. Our new initiative, The Eliminate Project will be even more successful, because that's what Kiwanians do for children. Your Kiwanis International Foundation is the vehicle that makes so many of these projects possible. Its success can only be continued with the

support of you and your clubs. These are big dreams and require big dollars. Please check to see if your club has participated in this year's Annual Gift Campaign. It's very important to act now. If you need support, or questions answered, call me at 330-465-4690 or email me at lhachfc@yahoo.com. Naturally you can also check out www.kiwanis.org/foundation. As always thank you for your gifts and support.

Len Abrams
Kiwanis International Foundation Chair

Remember to Serve the Children

06/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger

Recently I noticed that the flowers in my window boxes were not as pretty as they had been earlier in the spring. Perhaps the recent weather patterns had affected their beauty. The high winds, gray skies, excessive rain and lack of sunshine had taken its toll and they were drooping and lifeless. They needed a lot of tender loving care. So, I got busy pruning the vines and deadheading the petunias. I removed the dead leaves and gave them a good dose of Miracle Grow. Hopefully they will grow to their full potential and beautify my garden. If not, I will try something else until they do. I am a Kiwanian and I do not give up easily.

Like my flowers, I am determined to try a variety of ways to improve the health, welfare and safety of the children in my corner of the world, and beyond. They deserve the opportunity to grow strong and reach their full potential.



During the summer months the young children in our communities also need "tender loving care". Some have experienced lifestyles that prevent them from growing and flourishing. Your club can try a variety of projects that support parents and their children.

Recently I had the pleasure of being invited to attend a baby shower that the Findlay Club holds annually. What a wonderful event! It included pink and blue décor, shower games, and much more. The gift table overflowed with clothing and baby products that were donated to three Findlay agencies that support new families. Even the shower prizes required winners to donate to the cause. Baby showers can be planned for any month of the year.

Since nutrition is so important to the growth and development of infants, why not hold a baby food and formula drive? See how many jars of baby food you can donate to the appropriate agency in a month.

Some children only have meals when they eat for free at school. But, they don't have adequate amounts of food when they are home for summer break. Try organizing a free lunch program that families can get one or more days a week at a local school, church or service agency. Other community service groups may assist you. Some businesses may donate a good amount of the food. Panera Bread Co. is a good example. Churches may sign up to take one day a month. You won't know until you ask!

In the summer children need to stay hydrated to stay healthy. Your club could donate bottled water to day care centers, nursery schools, and Safety Town programs.

This is the time of year to begin planning fall projects. Hold an immunization clinic for infants, toddlers and new kindergarten students. Call the health department and volunteer at one they sponsor. Plan a safety rodeo that will help all children returning to school learn bus safety, safe ways to cross the street, the importance of bike helmets, and safe biking techniques. It's never too soon to start protecting our children.

Above all, be diligent in nourishing and protecting the youngest among you. If you provide the tender loving care, they will have a better chance to grow and flourish.

Diana Keplinger, District Chair
Young Children: Priority One

Summer Interclubbing

06/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Barb Smith



Summer is an exciting time. There is so much going on and the weather makes you want to be actively involved in projects, events and going places. This means it is a GREAT time to interclub. If you haven't done any yet, no excuses because of winter driving concerns. If you have been interclubbing, keep it up.

Why interclub? Because visiting other clubs gives you an extended family. You get ideas from other clubs. You increase your exposure to more speakers. There are opportunities to ask questions for different perspectives on an issue. There are many reasons to do interclubbing but the biggest is...IT IS FUN!!!

As you plan to interclub this summer, we know many of our service leadership program youth are not meeting to interclub with them. So, take the opportunity to interclub at a club outside your division. Oh come on, try it, you'll like it.

Remember the following interclub rule of thumb;

If you are a club of 30 or more members an interclub is when at least 4 members of your club attend

If you are a club of 20 to 30 members you need at least 3 members

If you are a club of 20 or less you need at least 2 members.

See you at an interclub real soon!!

Barb Smith
2010-11 District Chair
Interclub & Fellowship

Club News

Kiwanis, Circle K, and Phi Kappa Phi Collaborate on Literacy Project

06/08/2011 - Club: West Toledo - Submitted by: Julia Martin

The University of Toledo Phi Kappa Phi chapter has won a \$1000 grant to purchase books for at-need children. Partnering with the West Toledo Kiwanis and UT Circle K, age-appropriate books will be given to nearly 300 emergent readers enrolled in local Head Start and YMCA pre-school programs. Multiple times throughout the year, PKP members, Kiwanians, and Circle Kers will read the books with the children and will give each child books to take home with a personalized bookplate. These visits, and the presence of the books in the child's home, help develop crucial literacy skills such as vocabulary acquisition, comprehension, and phonemic awareness.



Brecksville walks the Magic Mile

05/28/2011 - Club: Brecksville - Submitted by: Kevin Brusik



On Saturday, May 28, 2011 the track at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School was full of people seeking to raise money for a good cause. These individuals were at the track to Walk the Magic Mile and help improve the lives of children affected by pediatric trauma. The Brecksville Kiwanis Club sponsored the one mile walk, which sought to raise money in support of pediatric trauma transport.

Pediatric trauma is a broad term used to encompass bike and vehicle accidents, sports related incidents, child abuse, violence, water related accidents, and burns, injuries and falls. While these accidents may seem routine, trauma and accidental injuries kill more than 15,000 children each year, more than all other diseases combined. Another 50,000 children are permanently disabled as a result of trauma and accidental injury. The seriousness of these types of injuries for children cannot be underestimated, because when children are injured their bodies do not react or heal in the same manner as adult bodies. The fact that pediatric trauma is a cause that obtains little recognition is what caused the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to encourage the Kiwanis Clubs within the State of Ohio to Walk the Magic Mile in support of the children.

Participants in the May 28th event secured pledges in support their one mile walk. All money raised was split between the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and the Brecksville Fire Department. The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will use the money for its pediatric trauma prevention, treatment, and education program within Ohio. The Brecksville Fire Department will use the money received to purchase pediatric transport equipment for local emergency services, such as pediatric backboards, blow up car seats, and cervical child collars. Additionally, the Fire Department will use the money to educate families about child transport safety by conducting clinical inspections of car

seats, and by providing safer car seats to low income families. It will also seek to use the funds to disseminate Children Have an Identity (CHAD) stickers. These stickers are placed on children's car seats and provide EMS with a child's vital information, something that is crucial in case of an emergency.

In attendance at the event were members of the Brecksville Kiwanis Club, members of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Key Club, the Builders Club, the Fire Department, and the office staff from Akron Children's Hospital in Brecksville. A special thanks goes out to local businesses who donated items to be placed in the goody bags given to all event participants. The Brecksville Kiwanis Club would also like to thank Akron Children's Hospital for playing a major role in making this event a success. Due to the hard work of all involved in this event, approximately \$2,000.00 was raised to be used towards pediatric trauma transport, a cause that affects many families throughout the community.

K-Kids at Park Avenue Elementary Float A Boat!

05/26/2011 - Club: Mount Gilead - Submitted by: Erin Kelty, Kiwanis Advisor

The K-Kids from Park Aveune Elementary in Mt. Gilead visited the Flying Horse Farms and got to see the boat that they purchased with funds they raised in February. Erin Kelty, Mt. Gilead Kiwanis Club Advisor, brought in Don Wiggins from Flying Horse Farms to tell the K-Kids all about the camp for children with serious illnesses that recently opened on State Route 95 in Mt. Gilead. After seeing the video about the camp and hearing about how the camp runs solely on donations, the kids realized how blessed they were to be healthy. They decided to give a little back. They held a Father-Daughter Dance at their school and raised a little over \$500 dollars which they donated. Those funds were used to purchase a boat for the farm as well as oars and life jackets. "I tell all the adult groups and Kiwanis groups about what your group did," Wiggins said. "You are the largest contributors of children's groups on a project so far." On the back of the boat is the proud insignia, "Park Ave. K-Kids". The 45 K-Kids were able to take a tour of the camp along with their faculty advisor, Rhonda Dettra, and their Club advisor, Erin Kelty.

Flying Horse Farms is a provisional Hole in the Wall Camp, which was founded by actor Paul Newman. It is the only camp of its kind in Ohio and it will serve children in several mid-western states. There is a little piece of the Mt. Gilead Kiwanis K-Kids at this camp!

PARMA AM KIWANIS PROMOTE CHILD SAFETY

05/25/2011 - Club: Parma Area Morning - Submitted by: Joe Germana



The Parma Area Morning Kiwanis recently distributed nearly 300 "C.H.A.D." stickers at the Parma Safety Fair. The Ohio District Governor Endorsed C.H.A.D. (Children Have An iDentity) stickers are identification labels put on car seats and booster seats. These would help police, rescue workers, and hospital staffs know important information about a child in an emergency, if there is no adult able to supply information. At the time of an accident it is not unusual for a child to sent to a

different hospital than the adults, and having identification would make a tremendous

difference. CHAD stickers should be put where rescuers can easily find them but where juice and other liquids cannot smear them. The stickers should not be in a position to be easily read by the casual passerby. Children must be in cars seats or boosters until they are 4' 9" or 80 lbs. These stickers will be distributed again on August 6th at the Parma Heights Centennial Celebration at the Greenbrier Commons. If you would like one mailed, please send a self addressed, stamped envelope to "Parma AM Kiwanis CHAD Stickers", 5835 Pearl Road, Parma, Ohio 44130 and President Joe Germana will send them out promptly.

This project is in support of the club's "Young Children Priority One" initiative for the safety of pre-school children. For school age children the Parma AM Kiwanis sponsor's the Kiwanis K-Kids at Pleasant Valley and Green Valley Elementary Schools, the Hillside Builders Club for student age 12 to 14 and the Normandy High School Key Club. These clubs give an opportunity for children to learn leadership skills while providing service to their home, school and community.

The Parma Area Morning Kiwanis is a local chapter of Kiwanis International that is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The Parma AM group meets Wednesday mornings for breakfast at 7:15am at the Greenbrier Senior Living Community Center located at 6455 Pearl Road in Parma Heights, and has service and fund raising projects throughout the year. For more information contact President Joe Germana 440-882-2012.