

# BUCKEYE BULLETIN

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## District Governor's Report

*06/19/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove*

May and June are very big months for us. I am pleased to say that we are gaining new members to support our service. Through May, we have 92 clubs and 11 divisions (1 S, 2, 5, 10 W, 11 N, 11 S, 12, 15, 16, 22 & 24) that are plus. Think of how much more service they can now do. Congratulations and keep going! Membership growth, new members and retention, are a year round effort. It keeps our service legacy strong and growing.

And speaking of retention of existing members - Remember some 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 in August or September.



We are getting close to having approval of our Family Membership pilot – which will allow the 2nd and 3rd family member join a club at reduced dues to KI and the district, but be a full voting member of the club. The Kiwanis International trustee's membership committee recommended approval to the full board. Stay tuned for more information soon. This will be a great way to bring new couples into our clubs.

Don't forget that the Kiwanis International Convention is the end of June. I hope that many of you will be there to support our own Alan & Jeri Penn, vote on candidates and express your opinions on bylaw issues. As many may have heard, KI is requesting a \$15 dues increase. Each club can have a voice in KI's direction – but only if you send delegates. And there is a lot of fun in New Orleans: tours, fellowship with other great Kiwanians, good food and a reception the district is having on Thursday June 28th. You can still register delegates – but it will have to be at the convention. I hope to see you there.

Also, we have our own convention in Youngstown. You can get more information and register on the district website.

Every club this year has the opportunity to be distinguished. Club officers should have

received the form to nominate your club to be distinguished. If they do not have it, contact your LtG or [click here](#) to open a PDF copy of the nomination form. The club does not have to do everything on the form, but does have to show its impact in the areas it focusses on and that it is working to grow service and membership.

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

*06/19/2012 - 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 Youngstown South and The Georgetown Catering facility. The convention committee has worked 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.ohiokiwans.org](http://www.ohiokiwans.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, 2012. Once again all clubs were encouraged to report their 2012-13 officers' online using KiwanisOne.

As of June 19th, only 64 Ohio Kiwanis clubs have submitted their report through KiwanisOne. This is less than half the number who had filed by this time last year and represents just over 25% of the clubs in our district. 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 2012-13 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 10th in Boardman, Ohio at the Holiday Inn Youngstown South. 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

## Membership Growth Contest Update

*06/12/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Fil Line*

We are now 70% of the way through the 2012 membership growth contest and it is time for an update. There is still time for many Clubs to qualify for one of the prizes offered for membership growth or to improve your prize level if your Club has already met prize criteria. The final prize determinations will be made based on membership numbers as of August 31, 2012.



At present, fifteen Clubs have qualified for a 3rd prize award; six Clubs have qualified for a 2nd prize award; and another six Clubs have qualified for a first prize award. 42% of our 243 active Clubs are at least +1 in membership since the contest began, based on membership numbers of Oct. 31, 2011. And, while the District membership count is still below the September 30, 2011 count (but only by 49 members!!), the count is up from October 31, 2011 by 153 members.

Many smaller Clubs have added 1 or 2 new members since November 1. If they could just add a couple more before the end of August they could qualify for a cash award made to Kiwanis International to support their Club's commitment to the ELIMINATE Project.

The prizes are as follows: First prize level - \$500; Second prize level - \$300; and Third prize level - \$150. If the budgeted amount for all prizes is exceeded then each prize level will be adjusted downward proportionately to stay within the budget.

The Berea Kiwanis Club is leading the pack right now, with 12 new members, but that only qualifies them for a 3rd prize since they are a large Club. Delphos Kiwanis and Kiwanis Club of Columbus are close behind with 10 new members each. That would qualify Delphos for a 1st prize since they've added more than 20% to their membership; Columbus would qualify for a 3rd prize. Several other Clubs are closing in quickly.

If you're not sure of your numbers please contact your Regional Membership Growth Coordinator and we'll get you the up-to-date numbers. Keep pushing, it's not too late to grab one of those prizes or upgrade, if your Club has already qualified.

Fil Line  
2011-12 Ohio District Membership Growth Chair

## District Newsletter Contest

*06/15/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Faith Levine*

There's still time to enter your club's newsletter into the Ohio District Newsletter Contest. We have three categories: small, medium and large clubs with 3 awards available for each. The winner of each category will have their newsletter submitted to the KI Newsletter contest. Please email at least 3 published newsletters to



[faith.kiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:faith.kiwanis@gmail.com) by July 14, 2012. If your newsletter is not in a digital format, please mail to my attention at 836 Lindendale Court Columbus OH 43204. If you have any questions, my phone number is 614-288-4571.

If you are interested in being part of the newsletter judging committee, please email me as I would like to have a broad spectrum of input to determine our winners. If your club is submitting their newsletter in this contest, you will NOT be participating in the judging in your specific category.

Faith Levine  
2011-12 Chair  
Marketing & Public Relations

## 2012 District Kiwanis Convention

*06/15/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Barbara Smith*

Greetings!

The Ohio District Convention in Boardman is nearly upon us. Opening session will be Friday night with an optional meal at 6:30pm and entertainment starting around 7:30pm. You will be entertained by the singing group ROCcK. This group is made up of young kids who are cancer survivors. Following them is our own University of Toledo Circle K members conducting a mystery theater. Closing the evening of fun will be a ice cream social to meet and greet this years candidates.

Do not forget that as members of Kiwanis, you are voting members of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. We hope you will attend the annual meeting on Saturday 8:15pm.

Saturday at the hotel (Holiday Inn Boardman) will be our fantastic forums running 9:45-10:35, 10:45-11:35 and 11:45-12:35. The forums being offered are on a wide variety of topics pertinent to every and any club. Watch the Ohio District website for a full schedule of forums being offered.

We are having a service project, "Stuff the Bus". Please bring school supplies for this project. Katie Rennard is our service project chair.

As is our tradition we will again have a Basket Sale to raise money for the First Lady's project. Please have your club or your division create and donate a basket. It could be a basket made up of items from your town or a themed basket. Your club or division can set the value of the basket you are willing to donate. Bring your basket to the convention including description and name of the contributor. Call Basket Room Chair, Howard Agueda at 330 360 6879 with any questions.

Register soon, but book your hotel room even sooner. Deadline is July 1st and rooms are going fast. Holiday Inn Boardman 330 726 1611. We do have a list of other hotels



very near the Holiday Inn.

See you soon - it will be a great convention because YOU will be there.

Barb Smith  
2012 District Convention Chair

## First Lady's Project Update

*06/12/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cheryl Snellgrove*

The year is winding down quickly, and I am still in need of some items for the backpacks. I can use anything, but especially baby items (diapers, pacifiers, wipes, etc.). This is also a good time to remind every club to call me (614-433-9131) as soon as



possible if you want to add to my order for backpacks so that you might continue the good work you have already started. I would love to know that my legacy to the Children's Service Departments of Ohio is your continued service to them. Your county needs your help. Please consider it.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans, and all of you at the District Convention at Boardman in August.

First Lady Cheryl Snellgrove

## Updates & Getting Ready for District convention

*06/10/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.*

By the time you read this article, International convention in New Orleans will be history and we will be on our way to District convention in the Youngstown/Boardman area. One thing is for sure - Ohio is doing well in its Eliminate efforts, with two more clubs - Columbus and Alliance - joining the Model Club team. Also First Lady Cheryl Snellgrove received the Mothers Day Zeller recently.



100K clubs (Cincinnati and Columbus) are also being recognized at International, and both they and Model club members will be thanked for their efforts - which help save thousands of lives! You truly have that Kiwanis heart!

But we can't do this without your help! Is your club one that awarded Hixsons as part of the IDD program, but would still like to do more? The Hixson is still available and will apply toward the Eliminate program, as well as the Zeller. **At district convention, our forum will be discussing this and many other ways that Eliminate and membership, plus fundraising, can be melded together to make your club efforts successful.**

And we also continue to look for club coordinators. They are the main point for information to be received at the club level, as well as new updates to the program; and they can help your club discuss both fundraising efforts and how your club can get there through a coordinated, comprehensive approach. For more information, contact your division coordinator or me by email at [CindyChamper@aol.com](mailto:CindyChamper@aol.com) or by phone at (419) 350-0477.

Cynthia Champer  
Ohio District Coordinator  
The Eliminate Project

## Interclub and Fellowship

06/13/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kevin Whitlatch



Hello V.I.P Kiwanians !

The year is going fast, and I am glad to say that from the correspondence I have received from several clubs, V.I.P is alive and well and going strong. I am always interested and amazed on the variety of V.I.P visits and the activities associated with the visits. Please feel free to provide me with your clubs unique V.I.P engagements and a copy to the District office, maybe with a good picture or two, your club could be featured in the "Buckeye-Bulletin". I would also like to share your activities with other clubs and divisions when I have the opportunity.

As you review your V.I.P program for the rest of the year, please keep in mind some of the special club awards available for this year as listed below.

V.I.P. Special Club Awards: (certificate/banner patch)

- Kiwanis Club that traveled the farthest within the Ohio District for an interclub (excluding District Convention/Installation/Mid-year).
- Kiwanis Club that traveled and inter-clubbed the farthest to another district (excluding International Convention).
- Kiwanis Club that has participated in the most inter-clubs within the year.
- Kiwanis Club that "hosted" the most inter-clubs.

I know our District has a lot of V.I.P members and I know that all Kiwanians truly cherish the fellowship that occurs within each and every club. Thanks for your time and talent. If I can be of service to you and your club please contact me by phone or email.

Kevin Whitlatch  
Interclub and Fellowship Chairman  
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# Key Club Governor Report

06/19/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Moriah Saer

The members of the Key Club Ohio District Board are hard at work. Everyone was officially inducted on April 22nd during our annual Key Club District Convention. The District Service Project for this year was released at District Convention, Hope In The Hospital. We are encouraging members to help and support their local hospitals during these tough times.

Our first board meeting of the year will be June 16th through the 17th in Columbus. The board meeting will focus on committees and encourage early goal making to have a very successful year.

The Ohio District Tour to the 69th annual Key Club International Convention begins July 3rd and ends on the 9th. This year, the convention will be held in Orlando, Florida.



Being in Key Club has helped me become a true leader. I love creating and participating service projects, and helping others. Those are some reasons why I joined and love this amazing organization. I would like to thank you for sponsoring a Key Club because you are helping change lives. If your club is interested in starting a Key Club in your community, I would love to talk to you about it!

Moriah Saer  
2012-13 District Governor  
Ohio District Key Club

## Annual Gift Helps Sponsored Youth

06/14/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Len Abrams, KIF Chair



Your Kiwanis International Foundation has heard from many clubs so far this year and the children of the world thank you. Our Kiwanis Sponsored Youth are among those who say thanks and look forward to the continued support of all the clubs in The Ohio District. Please remember that it is not necessarily the size of your gift as much as it is the participation that counts. Your Foundation would like to receive a gift of \$5 per member, but knows that there are those of you that cannot offer support at this level. It is hoped, therefore, that you can offer support at some other level, but that you will chose to participate and help fund the many grant requests from clubs and districts around the globe received each year.

As Kiwanians we belong to our Ohio District and Kiwanis International Foundations. I also serve on the Grants Committee of The Ohio District Foundation. I note this because I want to publicly state to each Kiwanian that the stewardship shown by your committee is remarkable. Each dollar awarded is pondered carefully and awarded judiciously. I believe this happens at every level in Kiwanis and you can feel assured in the decision of making your gift. So if you have not made your gift yet to this year's Gift Campaign of The International Foundation please consider doing so now. You can reach me, for more

information, at [lhachfc@yahoo.com](mailto:lhachfc@yahoo.com), or call me at 330-465-4690. As always, whether it is \$5 per member or \$1, a sincere thank you is always in order.

Len Abrams  
2011-12 District Chair  
Kiwanis International Foundation

## Club News

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### Warren Club Receives Service Award

*06/15/2012 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn*

The Kiwanis Club of Warren has been recognized by the Arrowhead District, Greater Western Reserve Council, Boy Scouts of America, for its service to the community.

The "Service Club of the Year" award was presented to Warren Kiwanis representative Howard Agueda at the annual Friends of Scouting breakfast in early June. Agueda is a Warren club Past President and former Lt. Governor for Division 25.



Photo cutline: (l-r) Howard Agueda accepts an award for the Warren Kiwanis Club from Patrick McFall, District Director, Boy Scouts of America, Greater Western Reserve Council.

### Kiwanis Club of Lima Ohio provides swimming lessons for those less fortunate

*06/13/2012 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day*

The Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio leveraged a \$2,000 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation to provide swimming lessons to 75 children through the Splash Program of the Lima YMCA. Without the grant the children would have not had a chance to learn how to swim.



## Westlake Blooms Again Thanks to Westlake K Family

06/06/2012 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis, Aktion, Builders and Key Clubs spent Saturday morning May 19 planting flower boxes on Hilliard Boulevard in Westlake. This project was part of the City of Westlake's project "Westlake in Bloom". As usual the was a K Family Project.



## Aktion Club Serves Up Supper

06/06/2012 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski



The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club prepared and served a supper at the Cleveland Ronald McDonald House. With the beautiful weather the Aktion Club decided to have a picnic type meal. The club grilled hamburgers and hot dogs along with serving baked beans, macaroni salad, cheesy potatoes, fruit salad and cake and cookies for dessert. The patients at Ronald McDonald House and their families were greatly appreciative of this picnic meal.

## Ohio District Kiwanis Honors Kathy Jo Schweitzer

05/29/2012 - Club: Port Clinton - Submitted by: KJ Schweitzer

Kathy Jo Schweitzer, Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Port Clinton, was surprised at her recent Kiwanis meeting by being honored twice for her dedicated service to her club, her community, Kiwanis, and the children of the world. She was presented with the Ohio Kiwanis Legion of Honor Society Circle of Achievement Award by Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation President, Bob Williams. Then, Past District Treasurer, Vee Reifsnnyder, read a letter sent by Ohio District Governor, William Snellgrove, and presented Kathy Jo with the Governor's Key of Success Award and a key pin. Kathy Jo joined the Kiwanis Club of Port Clinton 25 years ago, as the first woman member, and later became its first woman president. At the upcoming June 2012 Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, where the theme is 25th Anniversary Women in Kiwanis, she will join others in being honored as becoming one of the first Kiwanis women in the world.

# Southwest Relay for Life

05/23/2012 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Robin Gagnow



This year's event took place on May 19/20th at the Brook Park Community Center. Team Berea Kiwanis had 14 members participate in the walk and a number of other members make donation to support the walkers. It was a great event to hang out with other members and to support a worthy cause.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life began in 1985, the Berea Kiwanis has been part of the Southwest Relay for the past five years and during that time have raised close to \$9,000 to support cancer research.

Each person who walks, walks for personal reasons, being a part of this event changes your view on life and what is really important.

"Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported and that one day cancer will be eliminated."

Robin Gagnow

# Brecksville Kiwanis awards seven scholarships

05/23/2012 - Club: Brecksville - Submitted by: Kevin Brusk

Through its work within the community, the Kiwanis Club of Brecksville encourages future generations of leaders to make a positive impact upon the City. In an effort to assist these future leaders, the Kiwanis Club of Brecksville awards scholarships. This year the club awarded 7 scholarships totaling \$11,000. These scholarships are strongly based on the applicant's service to the community. The recipients of the scholarships were Amanda Auble, Franklin Popek,



Ashley Rohm, Nicholas Sedivy, Alexander Destro, Stephen Jaramillo, and Andrew Fink. Additionally, the Club awarded the Elton Lube Scholarship, named in honor of past Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Elton Lube. This scholarship is awarded to the student who has done the most service. This years recipient was Franklin Popek. The Kiwanis Club of Brecksville congratulates these students, and encourages them to continue making a positive impact upon the community through their service.

# Ohio Circle K Cleans Up!

05/18/2012 - Club: Newark - Submitted by: Sarah Roush

The Ohio District Circle K District Board worked to help Camp O'Bannon in Newark get



ready for a busy summer. Camp O'Bannon is the primary service project of the Newark Kiwanis Club each year and it serves roughly 400 underprivileged youth annually at its main camp. Throughout the weekend of their board trainer, board members washed shelves, scrubbed toilets, cleaned windows and wiped down bathroom stalls. Cobwebs were also removed from throughout the building.

This service leadership activity is not only so the students will have a clean place to sleep on the floor, but also to help the staff of this camp for disadvantaged children prepare for the summer.

In addition to cleaning the lodge, the Circle K members donated sidewalk chalk and tubs of beads for arts and crafts activities.

Pictured: Erie LTG Ann Marie Chaya, Governor Alex Bour and Fall Rally Chair Samantha On cleaning bookshelves and windows in the main lodge at Camp O'Bannon.