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Summer Service

06/09/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

Greetings Ohioans! I have really been enjoying the weather the last couple of weeks (with the exception of some storms). In these days with long hours of sunlight, I find myself running more, attending community festivals, and enjoying a good book on my patio. I am sure you have experienced similar benefits of these great days. As I think about all of this and the "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities" projects, I think of many different service projects Kiwanis Clubs can do.

Many of our clubs have major fundraising and community efforts in the summer through organizing strawberry festivals, participation in community festivals, organizing or participating in parades, and much more. When we do these activities, are we incorporating service to children and the community in these events? If we incorporate a little service effort, we can be known for more than what we are selling. A great example is when I was in Key Club, our club cleaned up the football field as a fundraiser. Other students thought that the only purpose of the club. Your club, I assume, is more than the club that sells peanuts or water or sausage sandwiches.



Service is why members are joining Kiwanis. I brought a non-Kiwanian to the annual Boy Scout Camp Manatoc Clean Up to help prepare the buildings for the summer camps. He said that this was his favorite Kiwanis event over some dinners and fundraisers I had brought him to previously. If we introduce Kiwanis with a hands on project, we will show our potential members Kiwanis' mission.

Here are some ideas for your summer service:

- When your club is at a local festival or event, pass out water, sunscreen, or insect repellent. It doesn't have to be real fancy. If you have a display table, put out a bottle of sunscreen. If someone wants to use it, share. Instead of passing out water bottles, you could make a dispenser of ice water available for people to refill their own bottles and provide some paper cups as well.

- Maybe your club cleaned up the local park, playground, camp, or hike and bike trail in the Spring, but with busy use, these places accumulate trash or need some upkeep from wear throughout the summer months. Consider coordinating a schedule with the authorities responsible for the recreation area to assist with the maintenance. Volunteer to help repair structures to ensure safety to the users.
- Many people use hike and bike trails. Not all users carry their cell phones. It took me years to come around myself, but we must acknowledge that there are dangers on these paths and the road – wild animals, allergic reaction to insect bites, other humans, accidents, etc. Wearing an ID bracelet can help in such a time. Your club can pay for people's ID bands. www.roadid.com has affordable and nice wristbands that can be ordered. The information can include emergency contact, allergies, blood type, organ donation, etc.
- Organize through the American Red Cross first aid, CPR, and babysitting training programs. Spreading this valuable information in your community will make a difference!
- Sponsor children to attend swimming lessons. Not only is this a great summer safety effort, but if your club is able to select children in need, this may be the only time these children have the opportunity to swim. Consider targeting a community center or church program and incorporate transportation.

There are many ways your club can encourage summer safety for people of all ages. A simple search online for summer safety will bring up many valuable resources and issues for your club to consider as they work to incorporate service into their other projects this summer.

The first five people to send in a picture to Sarah Roush at sarah@ohiokiwanis.org of a "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities" summer service project before July 19th will receive a free ticket to the Governor's Banquet at District Convention.

Enjoy the summer days,

Governor Jennifer DeFrance

District Secretary's Notes

06/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being completed, we are preparing for our 97th Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in the Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. 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.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 2014-15 club officer's online using KiwanisOne. As of June 13th, only 65 of 232 clubs have filed their report online. This is lower than the 112 clubs who filed at this time in 2013. 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.

Club Background Check Information

Earlier this week I received two requests from clubs asking that we run Background Checks for their Service Leadership Program advisors. I want to make it clear that the district is not able to run background checks for clubs. However, Kiwanis International has made it possible for individuals to log on through the Kiwanis International website to order Background Checks from Safe Hiring Solutions at the very reasonable price of \$19.95. A credit card will be necessary to complete the order. [Click here](#) to access the applicable page on the Kiwanis International website and then click on the Quick Link on the right side of the page titled "Get a Background Check". If you have specific questions about the process, please call my office at (888) 827-8196 and select Extension 2.

CLE Makeup Session Planned

For those 2014-15 President's who were unable to attend Club Leadership Education (CLE) in their local areas, a makeup session is being planned for Friday afternoon, August 8th in Columbus at the convention hotel. The attendance at some of our local sessions was disappointing at best and we actually had to cancel two sessions. We realize that many of our officers are repeating and they may feel that they do not need to attend the training. We can only tell you that the vast majority of those clubs receiving the "Distinguished Club Award" are the clubs who continually make sure their leaders attend the CLE Session prior to the start of the new Kiwanis Year. 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. 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

Youth Projects in the Spotlight

06/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer Lewis, District Chair, Youth Services

As Kiwanians, we focus on serving youth and our community, one child and one community at a time. At Convention, we will be walking to support the Eliminate Project and collecting crayons and coloring books [[Click here for PDF](#)].

Please help us with these 2014 Ohio District Convention Service Projects:



1. Join Governor Jennifer DeFrance and the Service Chairs as we each "Walk to Save 10 Lives" in support of the Eliminate Project immunizing 10 women against MMT. The Eliminate Walk will take place on Friday, August 8 at 4:30PM outside the convention center. See the Convention Registration Form to sign up.
2. Donate NEW crayons, coloring books and activity books to be distributed to social

service agencies providing support to children. Bring donation to the District Service table at Convention.

Last month, Linda Steinbrunner asked each of us to assess our progress supporting Gov. Jennifer DeFrance's "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities" theme. For participating in any healthy service project, each club can earn a banner patch (sarah@ohiokiwanis.org). If you have not done so already, I recommend reading the 'Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities' Service Handbook [click her for PDF of handbook], which outlines many projects. In the back of the handbook is the form to submit for your banner patch. By our choices, we set an example to our youth. Stay healthy and help us make a difference!

This month we focus on our serving youth, so they can live happy, healthy lives and to be able to help others in the future. When we serve our youth, we are investing in their future and ours.

#1 Challenge: To Increase Youth Participation. So you've created a terrific project. Now you need to ensure young people will participate. Consider these tips: Involve youth and their parents or teachers in the planning. To advertise to youth, use facebook and related social community bulletin boards. Keep the message simple and highlight any chance for prizes. Youth projects should be fun, low cost, and family-friendly. Trendy activities, such as color splattering 5Ks, face painting, Geocache GPS treasure hunts, YouTube "how to" videos and singing talent shows are popular now among youth. If you have a great youth service project already, consider always keeping it current and adding a modern spin. In advertisements, use icons and social media such as facebook and twitter to advertise to a broader community faster and to post feedback and photos during the event. Use all free publicity (local newspaper, online newspapers and community bulletins, posters at youth hang-outs (ice cream shop, swimming pool, recreation center) and simple road signs or banners at intersections or along high traffic roads with low speed limits (25-35 MPH). Offer prizes to participate, such as chances to win electronic toys or i-tunes cards. Consider incorporating diversity, children with disabilities, and education. To save resources and time, support an existing program with volunteers or co-sponsorship.

There are many organized programs for youth, especially during the summer. With many working households, summer day camps and recreational activities are in high demand. However, family activities are still important. By hosting family-friendly events, we help foster this interaction.

When brainstorming or improving an existing project, consider these 6 categories: Health, Hunger, Education, Community Building, Environment and Human, Family and Spiritual Values.

I challenge you and your club to expand your successful projects, by involving more youth and new members early in projects, and to develop new projects in-line with the current generation of youth and teens. When we identify the generation's needs and communicate in their style, we will draw more participants. By investing in projects that provide opportunities for youth to grow and challenge each other, to lead and to serve others, we are making a difference. Below are 10 quick youth project ideas to consider.

10 Quick Youth Service Projects and Summer Activities

- Host a Talent Show or a lemonade stand to raise money for causes like curing childhood cancer.
- Plant flowers, vegetables and herbs. Help youth grow food, herbs and flowers to donate to a local food pantry or shelter, to give away or sell during school, or to sell at a Farmer's Market. Teach youth how to prepare simple meals from the garden. Or improve a public space to beautify the neighborhood.
- Reduce, reuse, recycle... to keep our environment clean and keep trash out of our water and landfills. Pick up trash and clean up your neighborhood... organize a "Trash Mob" - a flash mob to pick up trash in a single location in just 30 minutes.
- Involve youth in a local recycling program. Host a garage sale or clothing and athletic equipment trade.
- Collect and donate DVDs, new stuffed animals, books, crayons, coloring books and activity books to donate to local hospitals, shelters, social services or emergency responders. A group called Kid Flicks collects DVDs to send a movie library of 100 DVDs to every Children's Hospital and Pediatric Department within the United States.
- Organize a youth-senior citizen joint service activity. Consider working with a vacation bible school or youth summer day camp to make cards or write letters for kids in hospitals, troops and veterans, or senior citizens in local nursing homes.
- iPhone photo contest. Take pictures of any theme (pets, flowers, bugs), submit by facebook and win gift cards in a biweekly sweepstakes for toys, shoes, ice cream, etc. Involve your public library to get kids outdoors.
- Host a Color 5K or 1 mile Run/Walk – contact your local running store to organize. Enjoyed by young children, teens and families. Loud music and night runs are festive and cool for hot summer weather. Run for Charity to support a local cause (where each participant names a charity to be drawn by random) or Paws for Cause (proceeds benefit an animal shelter).
- Geocache!!! Search the world (or your neighborhood) with this electronically-guided treasure hunt that involves GPS and free apps to hunt treasures. Use existing Geocache sites or create your own. Invite the local Parks and Recreation Service, Scouts or Recreation District to get involved. Fun for all ages and great for teams.
- Turn-Your-Screen-Off Events! To entice youth away from the internet and to go outdoors, host a local nature walk, canoe trip or bike ride. Organize a volunteer group to help at the animal shelter or local park. Host a star gazing party, outdoor movie or game night for the family. An indoor facility or tent for BINGO, Board Games and treat everyone to popcorn, ice cream and lemonade or host a food truck.

For more youth and community service projects and Global Youth Service Day ideas, visit these websites online <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/serviceideas.shtml> and <http://www.gysd.org/>, and review the 'Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities' Service Handbook.

As service chairs, we are eager to help and hear about your projects! Please contact Linda Steinbrunner, Sarah Roush or myself (lewis.792@osu.edu). We can meet with your club at a meeting to share ideas.

Jennifer Lewis
Youth Services District Chair

New Club Building

06/08/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kathleen Moylan



Let's Open a New Club!

My New Club Building Team and I have heard too often, "we don't want to build a new club – we need to focus on existing clubs." While that is a valid concern, before shutting the door on an opportunity to open a new club in a community, consider this:

Has your club completed a community analysis in the past year or two to have an up-to-date list of needs for the community? If your answer is yes, with your present membership, will your club be able to address the identified needs with its present membership? If a community analysis has not been done, what percent of the needs are you handling now? In either case, does your club have a plan on how to address the needs?

Whether the answer is yes or no, the following questions need to be asked:

- How many volunteers (members) have you determined are required to meet the needs?
- Do you have a membership plan in place to secure the necessary new members?

I'm certain you'll agree there is plenty of service that needs to be done, so let's take a look at some options and reasons to open a new club. Perhaps a club that appeals to a different age group? A club that meets at a time or venue convenient to a new set of members? A "contained community" like a Corporation or a Retirement facility? Wouldn't it be fun to help them get involved in solving the community needs and, on big projects, maybe partner with your club to make your community a better place to live?

While it may surprise you, the end result of your members inviting people to join the new club in town is that your club will add new members. How, you ask? Your members will learn inviting techniques, develop their Kiwanis One Minute speech, and enjoy the thrill that comes from adding more hands to provide service for both clubs. Just think what you will be doing for the children in that community!

Having just returned from some very energetic training for "The Formula," my team is ready to partner with you on a new club in your Division. Come join us – New Club Building equals growth, and it is contagious!

Kathleen Moylan
2013-14 New Club Building Chair

Ohio Eliminate Program Ramps up Into International convention

06/08/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Ohio MNT coor

I am excited to share with all of you that the Eliminate project has reached approximately the halfway point in fundraising, with an overall collection of approximately \$53 million of the \$110 needed. In Ohio, we are at \$1.8 million, having saved one million lives, and have as our next goal saving 2 million lives. Thank you to all the campaign volunteers and the entire Kiwanis family for your diligent work.

But with only 13 months to go in the Eliminate project, every day counts. With proper funding, UNICEF will be able to reach 120.7 million women with tetanus immunization activities in 2014 and 2015. Yet we still have 25 countries where tetanus is a threat, coming from tetanus spores in the soil and unclean birthing practices.



As we prepare for international and district conventions, now is the time even more for clubs and individuals to step up and lead by example. Become a Zeller individually or have your club become a Bronze, Silver or Model club. At our district convention, we will have an Eliminate booth, and two forums - one of which will be presented by Linda Christiano, past international First Lady, who will give us her compelling story. What is your reason for being involved? Are you passionate about being a Kiwanian, in an organization that places a great importance on women, children, men and families? I am. Please send in your fundraising dollars, no matter how small they still make a difference; and get involved! What we do during the next 13 months will impact countries where MNT is still a threat. Thank you for caring and sharing!

Cindy Champer
Ohio MNT Coordinator

Circle K Governor's Project

06/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Molly Baumann



Hello Ohio Kiwanis!

Summer is fully upon Circle K, but our planning for the year has not stopped. I want to take this opportunity to share with all of you my Governor's Project for the year.

Circle K
Helping
Initiate a
Lasting
Difference

My goal with this project is to encourage quality over quantity of service. This project allows clubs the flexibility to plan their own unique event, but unite with other members of the district in a common goal. Instead of looking for the quick service hour, I want clubs to really think about the impact their service can have on the community in the long term. Some ideas for events that fit this project are reading with kids regularly, helping with a camp for disadvantaged students, and even fundraising for Eliminate. I encourage Kiwanis clubs to help CKI clubs plan and implement a project that will have a long term impact on the community, members, or participants. If your club has any projects occurring that may fit, please let me know. If you need more volunteers, I can advertise to Circle K members. I want to use this as a platform to increase Kiwanis Family Relations. Please

do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

In Service,
Molly Baumann
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Builders Club News

06/09/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Nancy McNeal

Hello! I'm Nancy McNeal, the new Ohio District Administrator for Builders Clubs. I'm excited about my new role in the Ohio District but first want to "Thank" Suzanne Lemak for all of her hard work the last several years and also for her guidance in helping me prepare for the role. I'm looking forward to the challenges and helping to start new Builders Clubs and continuing to help those that have been in existence for many years.



Jeri Penn and I will be leading a K-Kids/Builders Club forum on Friday afternoon of the District convention from 3:15 to 4:00. We invite you all to attend. This will be a hands on forum and a time to share ideas about these two K Family clubs. Looking forward to seeing and meeting all who attend.

Nancy McNeal
2014-15 Builders Club Administrator

Keep Grants Flowing to Kiwanis Clubs

06/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Buescher, District Chair, Kiwanis Internationa



Did you know that annual gifts to the Kiwanis International Foundation come right back to local clubs and districts as grants? Case in point: Delphos, Ohio, where a recent grant from the International Foundation is helping Kiwanians improve four community playgrounds.

That's why Annual Club Gifts and contributions from club members are so important. They replenish the funds that keep these kinds of grants going year after year – at the same time Kiwanians are working together to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

And whether you support the Kiwanis Children's Fund through an Annual Club Gift or a personal contribution, your club earns credit through the International Foundation's new [Today Club](#) recognition program.

Sending a contribution is easy. Go to kiwanis.org/foundation to download a [contribution form](#) and mailing instructions. Or use the [online giving option](#) where you can even make your contribution a little at a time each month.

The foundation's new [Your Gifts at Work](#) page includes an interactive map of all 2012–13 grant recipients and beneficiaries. Click on each point on the map to see a description of the grant. (The Delphos, Ohio project and other grants approved in February 2014 will

be added later this year.)

Keep grants flowing. Make a contribution to Kiwanis International Foundation today. Children in Ohio and communities across the globe will thank you for your generosity.

The 2014 Convention Awaits You

06/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Eric Bush

Will you be there?

August 8-10 at the Crowne Plaza in Columbus, Kiwanians from around the great Ohio District will gather for the Annual Convention. Will you be there to help elect the District leadership team for 2014-2015? Will you be there for the fun, the fellowship, and the learning?



Are you a first time attendee? If so, we hope you will be there and take advantage of the first time attendee discount for the first 50 new attenders who sign up.

On Friday, the convention kicks off with an Eliminate Walk where participating members can help save 10 lives with a short walk around the pond at the Crowne Plaza. Our official photographer, Jim O'Neal, will also be conducting a photography session so those not walking can bring their camera and capture the event. Pictures can be posted to the Ohio District Kiwanis Facebook Group. The Friday Night Fun Activities will be sure to get you pumped up and ready for a great time in Columbus. There is also time set aside to meet the candidates that will be running on Saturday for election at the House of Delegates.

On Saturday, the convention-wide breakfast will feature speaker Mike Frailey who is the Chairman of the Americas for The Formula. His message is sure to inspire the attendees around the new growth potential we have.

Education Chair Jamie Kaufman and Governor-Elect Diana Keplinger are busy putting together forums you can attend to learn and take new ideas back to your clubs.

Lunch will include a second Keynote speaker for the convention with a message from our International Counselor from Kiwanis International.

The House of Delegates will convene to elect your District Leadership. This includes the District Treasurer, Governor-Elect, and members of the Finance and Structure Committee. Will you represent your club as a delegate for this session?

Saturday completes with a highlight of the convention in the Governor's Banquet. This more formal occasion provides an opportunity to celebrate the great things that happened during Governor Jennifer DeFrance's term as well as her board of Lt. Governor's from around the District. Be sure to select your choice for the dinner meal on your registration form.

Sunday, there will be a non-denominational service followed by the annual memorial service honoring those Kiwanians who passed away during the 2013-2014 Kiwanis year.

Will you be there? *I hope so.* Registration is available online at www.ohiokiwanis.org
Eric Bush

District Convention Chair, 2014

Aktion Club Update

06/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Hobart



The 2014 Aktion Club District Convention will be held at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley on August 22-23. We are going to try something new this year as the Convention will be held from Friday evening to Saturday late-afternoon. The cost for the event will be \$60, which will include your overnight stay, Convention T-shirt, goodie bag, and your meals for the event, which are a Friday night pizza party with the dance, Saturday Breakfast, & Saturday Lunch. If you are close to Recreation Unlimited and do not wish to stay with us on Friday night, the cost

will be \$50 for the event.

Registration and Contest Forms will be up on the Aktion club website (www.ohioaktion.org) by June 15. If you have any questions, please contact me at rhobart@lb.com.

Club News

Musical Entertainment at Lima Kiwanis Meeting

06/10/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

The 2013-2014 Heritage Harmonics of Heritage Elementary School performed part of its Spring show at a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Lima. Music included swing (Sing, Sing, Sing) and big band (In the Mood). The Harmonic's director is Crystal Miller, a member of Lima Kiwanis and advisor of the K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School.



Westlake Honors Fallen Veterans

06/10/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis held their annual Memorial Day Parade and Services. The whole Kiwanis Family took place Kiwanis, K-Kids, Builders, Key and Aktion Club. The services honored Westlake Veterans who gave from the Civil War to our current conflicts around the world. This years guest speaker was Lt. Col. William Schlichtig, USAF Commanding Officer US Military Entrance Processing Command. Picture here doing the invocation is Westlake Kiwanis member Bob Clancy.



Kiwanis Collaborates with K-Kids to Spruce up Park

06/09/2014 - Club: Medina Breakfast - Submitted by: Quinn Behler

The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club partnered with over 180 K-Kids members from Northrup and Sidney Fenn Elementary Schools to plant flowers at Jump Park in Medina, Ohio. The K-Kids had a great time digging in the dirt with Kiwanians and finished planting 25 flats of plants in no time at all! The Kiwanians have been paring with these elementary schools to do this project for the past five years and plan to continue!



Kiwanis join forces at Soccer Tournament

06/09/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski



The Westlake Kiwanis and Aktion Club helped the Olmsted Falls Kiwanis by volunteering in their in food truck on Memorial Day Weekend. The two clubs provided refreshments for fans and participants at the Westlake Soccer Tournament. The two club had fun while raising funds for their respective clubs.

Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club is Blooming

06/09/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club took part in the annual "Westlake In Bloom" an event where homes, garden and flower boxes are judged in Westlake, OH. The day to plant their flower box on Hilliard Blvd in Westlake was chilly but they got their flowers planted before the rain began. They now await to see if this year they will win a prize for their display. The members chose a blue and yellow flower theme to match their club shirts with a few red flowers to catch the eye.



Another community project completed by the

Kirtland Kiwanis

06/02/2014 - Club: Kirtland - Submitted by: Bill Pastor



Another community project coordinated and completed by the Kirtland Kiwanis. This community project involved the bringing together of the City of Kirtland and the Kirtland Baseball League to provide the championship Kirtland Girls Softball team with dugouts. The cost of the project was paid for by the Kirtland Baseball League. The project was coordinated by Kirtland Kiwanian Rick Blum who with a team of community and Kiwanian volunteers built the two new dugouts (designed by Mike Rus). Great job!

Licking County Kiwanis 5K for Eliminate

05/31/2014 - Club: Newark - Submitted by: Jennifer Lewis and Beth Anderson

The Kiwanis Clubs of Heath Moundbuilders, Granville and Newark united for a second year to raise funds through a 5K for the Eliminate Project, to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus. The event was held at the Rotary Pavilion Park in Newark, Ohio on the scenic campus of OSU-Newark/COTC. Through the efforts of generous local sponsors, over 35 dedicated Kiwanis and Key Club volunteers, and 100 registered participants, the race raised an estimated \$2000 for the Eliminate Project. Participants each received an athletic gray race shirt and sport swag bag and a chance to win top overall trophies and medals with the Kiwanis logo for the top 3 in each age division. The top overall male finished the race in close to 18 minutes and many first time 5Kers finished in closer to 60 minutes. A water stop along the course, and free ice cream from Velvet Ice Cream's mini truck celebrating 100 years of Velvet Ice Cream was a treat at the finish.



We look forward to hosting the race again next year and hope more Kiwanians from neighboring areas will participate or help in the race. This is a great race model and interclub service project, and we hope other divisions will do the same. Thank you this year to Lt. Gov. Bob Handelman of Division 10E and Division 10E for helping sponsor the event.

Ohio Governor Keynote at Scholastic Banquet

05/29/2014 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn

The Kiwanis Club of Warren held its 40th annual Erwin J. Klein Memorial Scholastic Achievement Awards Banquet on May 20th, honoring 20 students from three area high schools where Warren sponsors a Key Club. Students received a complimentary meal and \$250 in scholarship money. Keynote speaker was Jennifer DeFrance, Ohio Kiwanis District Governor and a former Key Club member herself (at Mathews High School in Vienna).

Erwin J. Klein, for whom the banquet was named, was a member of the Warren Kiwanis



Club for 27 years. He served both as club president and secretary. He was also associated with Warren City Schools for 31 years as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. Klein organized the Scholastic Achievement Banquet in order to recognize academic excellence among high school seniors. He chaired the event for 22 years. Following his death in 1993, the event was re-named in his honor.

Lima Kiwanis has Music Awards Luncheon

05/23/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

The Kiwanis Club of Lima had its annual music awards luncheon on May 21. For the 53rd year John Phillip Sousa Band Awards were presented to 12 seniors from each school in Allen County. In addition a Ronald W. Richards Young Musicians Music Scholarship was presented to a Allen County senior who will be majoring in music. This is the 26th year the scholarship has been presented.



Westlake Kiwanis Receive Grant for Smoke and CO2 Detectors

05/21/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski



Westlake Kiwanis President Norm Resko introduced Bob Williams, Trustee from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Bob spoke about the District Foundation and the grants that the Foundation has made to various Kiwanis Clubs around the state for projects within their communities. Bob in turn introduced Tim Cornelius an ad hoc member of the grant reading committee. Tim presented the Westlake Kiwanis with a \$500 check for the City of Westlake for a project with the Community Center and the Westlake Fire Department to provide CO2 and smoke detectors in senior citizen homes.

Pictured below left to right Tim Cornelius, Rick Grane, Norm Resko and Bob Williams.

Aktion Club Collect Eye Glasses

05/21/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club has been collecting used eye glasses as part of an ongoing project. Aktion Club members are shown here with some of the glasses they have collected. They donated their recently collected eye glasses to Lions Club International whose major emphasis is on sight. One service club helping another. Aktion Club members left to right Laura Santamaria, Natalie Orlandi, Michael Bokan and Jennifer Rutkoski.



Warren Club Celebrates 94 Years

05/16/2014 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn



The Kiwanis Club of Warren celebrated its 94th anniversary during the May 15th Annual Meeting. The Warren Club was established on May 20, 1920 and has been in active service to Kiwanis continually since that date! The club's most senior member, William Sauer, was lauded for his 62 years of service with Warren Kiwanis. President Dave Barran then announced the names of nine additional individuals who have invested twenty or more years in the Warren organization. Seven other members have 12 or more years with the club.

We have a rich heritage of long-serving members in addition to a number of newer Kiwanians in Warren. Here's to another 94 years!

Photo cutline: (l-r) William Sauer, the longest-serving member in the Warren Kiwanis Club (62 years!) and Club President Dave Barran pose during the celebration of the club's founding on May 20, 1920.