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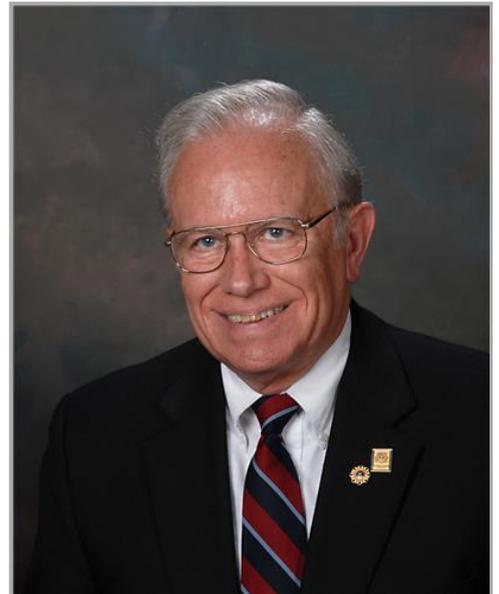
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John DeVilbiss, Ohio Candidate for International Trustee

06/20/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

In a very short while, Kiwanians from around the world will gather in Indianapolis, Indiana, to celebrate 100 years of service to others. We hope that your club will be sending delegates and other Kiwanis members to the convention. Plans are underway to make this a celebration like no other. Make sure your club is represented.

It is truly an honor to represent the Ohio District as a candidate for Kiwanis International Trustee. Having representation on the Kiwanis International Board is very important to the Ohio District. We need the help of every Ohio District Kiwanis Club to make sure you have delegates at the official meeting of Kiwanis International on Friday of the convention. On Thursday of the convention we will have the Ohio District Caucus and will be handing out election materials to the Kiwanis members. Tom Crawford is the chair of the campaign. We have red "DeVilbiss for Trustee" shirts for everyone to wear, especially at the business session on Friday. As in the past, let's make sure the delegates see a "sea of red" on Friday. Please check in at the Ohio District Office in room 207 of the J.W. Marriott hotel as soon as you arrive in Indianapolis to see how you can help. The campaign cannot be successful without the help of everyone.



Much work has gone into this campaign. Show other Kiwanis members from around the world the strength of OHIO KIWANIS.

Donald E. "Don" Williams Memorial Tribute

06/20/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: A. Alan Penn

In lieu of my article this month, I am reprinting the tribute that Past International President Alan Penn gave on June 13th at the Memorial Service for Past International President Don Williams. Don will be missed by all who knew him.



A memorial Tribute to Donald E. "Don" Williams
Kiwanis International President 1985-86

By Alan Penn, 2011-12 Kiwanis International president

I would like to thank Don and his family for giving me the opportunity to represent Kiwanis International at this memorial service.

About a year ago Don and I were at a Past Ohio Governors meeting where he informed me he would like for me to be the KI speaker at his memorial.

I consider this the highest honor I have received in my Kiwanis career.

But giving me this opportunity was not without a few conditions. The main one was that I had to be brief. He said 100 years of Kiwanis stuff would be boring to you all.

That being said, he did give me three documents to help me with my remarks. His Kiwanis journey – 15 pages long His Navy experience – 10 pages long His autobiography – 19 pages long

To condense all of this into a few minutes is a challenge

Today we honor Don Williams a devoted husband, father, community leader.

Don Williams, a Kiwanian who was older than the organization to which he belonged.

Don Williams an extraordinary, quiet, ideal behind-the-scenes leader and our 1985-86 Kiwanis International President.

To best honor Don I would like to share a few items that many of you might not know.

While serving on the international board Don was Instrumental in helping the Board select and move to Indianapolis. He proudly dedicated the building as President.

As an officer, Don worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help our organization open our membership to women. We are a much stronger organization because of his vision.

The year following his presidency, when Kiwanis International needed an interim secretary Kiwanis—as it often did—came to Don, who then accepted the assignment because Sally had already said to KI - he would.

Don is the only Kiwanian to serve as KI President, KI Foundation Trustee, and KI secretary.

Don as Ohio Governor built 12 Kiwanis clubs. He also put Ohio in a position to be Distinguished three years in a row. A record not broken.

Don was very involved in the Berea community. He joined Kiwanis in 1946. He led his club's campaigns to bring Little League baseball and a YMCA to town.

He was a huge part of the lives of thousands of young people as he served through his club's activities. It would be difficult to measure the impact he made, but it is clear that he leaves a wonderful legacy of Kiwanis service in his local community.

By the time he became our president in 1985, he had 24 scrapbooks that were thick with Kiwanis service project related photos, clippings, letters, awards and badges.

Amazingly, he had time for other interests. He spent more than 30 years at the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. Because of his relationship to the Electric Company he arranged for the Kiwanis International office to have an unspoiled view from the freeway, no electrical poles and wires between the building and the highway.

Don was also proud of his service in World War II as an officer with the U.S. Navy. He joined the Navy because the Army would not let him be an officer. He served with honor and was recognized for valor in service in the Pacific theater of battle.

Some of you may not know this but Don was proud of the fact that he was the oldest living alumni of Ohio Wesleyan. This almost did not happen. You see he was one credit short of graduation and OW was not going to let him graduate. So he enrolled in BW, got his course credit there transferred and got his degree from OW. That degree helped him get into the Naval officer training program. There was not stopping this man.

In Ohio Kiwanis we all looked forward to Don's advice and counsel. He always knew the right advice to give but only gave it when asked.

When he let a Governor know he was Proud of them, you knew you were doing the right things for the Ohio membership and clubs.

One of Don's favorite quotes was "there is no politics in Kiwanis, and if you believe that then you'll believe the same thing about your church".

Both in Ohio and at the International level Don made sure that those who served in leadership positions did the right thing and not the politically expedient thing. He was also focused on what was good for the members and what was right for the organization.

Don loved to participate in Ohio Kiwanis events. Not many know that he never missed an Ohio District annual Golf outing. He always made time to greet the participants and workers. He also brought along Gene, Stan, and Noris to play golf with him each year. I had the honor of playing with Don and his Kiwanis past president buddies and I want to let you know each time we played He scored or beat his age, even at age 98.

In his community he served as a board president for Southwest General Hospital. Because of his weekly service and the improvements and expansion of medical services provided under his guidance, the Hospital Board honored him by naming a conference room the Williams Conference Center and designating him as President Emeritus.

His wife, Sally, preceded him in death. One of the memories many of us have is of Don's devotion to Sally. While she was confined to a nursing home, he visited with her every day until her death. He told me he looked forward to the day he could be with her again.

When I last visited with Don he related how thankful he was to have Beth and Larry take him into their home. He enjoyed your company and that of your child and grandchildren. Your devotion to Dad has not gone unnoticed.

He was especially appreciative that they let him display his Kiwanis memories. He worried about what would happen to them but I assured him we would find a safe place for his memories.

Before I close I want to relate a personal story. Jeri and I had the occasion to be at the Berea club to help present Don with his Centennial Award. We had our grandsons Prestin and Pierce with us. They both wanted to meet this 100 year old Kiwanis leader their Grandfather talked so much about. We took them up to meet Don and he quickly shoed

us away. He then spent quite some time talking to the boys. They enjoyed each other's company. They were having fun. I am sure he gave them some good advice. Both boys were touched by the greatness of this man. After this meeting with him Prestin renewed his commitment to run for International Key Club trustee and Pierce decided it was time to form a K-Kids club in his school. At 100 Don was still making a difference in the lives of children.

In closing I want to read a couple passages from Don's autobiography. This is what he wrote.

I am fortunate to have lived in a century that produced so many notable events, some good, and some bad. WWI , WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War. But I did witness the advent of radio, television, computers, atomic bombs, cell phones and the iPhone. Lindbergh flew solo across the Atlantic to Paris and triggered global commercial airline travel. Bullet trains, space exploration, putting a man on the moon, building a space station, a walk in space, exploring life on other planets, and creating a nationwide interstate highway system occurred during my lifetime. A five star general Dwight D Eisenhower was twice elected President and a Hollywood actor, Ronald Reagan was also elected twice. I lived through the death of Presidents and the assassination of a too young president.

I have had more success than I ever dreamed of. I have been fortunate to see more of the world than most people and have a host of friends in many parts of the world. I had the opportunity to personally meet President Reagan on two separate occasions and to meet Nancy Reagan twice in the White House, once including a luncheon. I have received many honors and recognitions, probably more than I deserve, a Williams award named after me by the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation, being in the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame, getting a Kiwanis Centennial award, and being on a PIP award.

I was also honored to have my picture on a Smucker's Jelly Jar for my 100th birthday.

But most of all I am proud to be designated as president emeritus and have the Conference Center at Southwest General Health Center named for me.

100 years is a long time but I am glad I was here to share them with all of you.

Don Williams - We are ever grateful for the many contributions that you made, the lives that you touched, we are fortunate to have known you - a committed Kiwanian, active community volunteer, and servant leader.

Thanks Don for being a part of our lives.

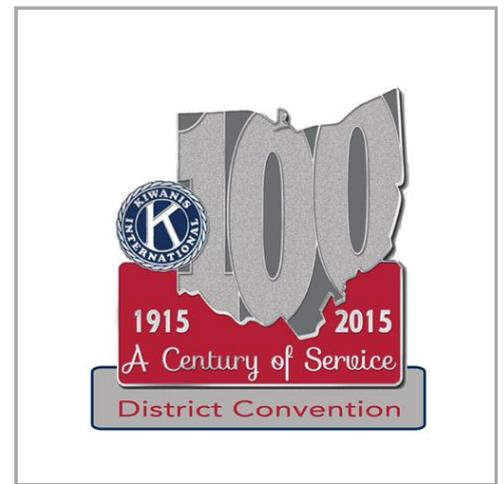
Now you and Sally can be together and organize a new Kiwanis club for us in Heaven.

District Convention is a Must Attend

06/09/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

The Ohio District Kiwanis Convention is August 14-16, 2015 at the Beachwood Double Tree Hotel. In the May Buckeye Bulletin, Convention Chair Denny Lehman described the schedule and highlights of this convention where we will celebrate Kiwanis International's 100th Anniversary. Check out his great article!

Are you planning on attending? Whether you are a long-time Kiwanian who has attended a number of conventions or a Kiwanian who has never attended a convention, there are many reasons why you should register today.



1. **Renew your excitement about the service you do in the community.** Sometimes as Kiwanians, we forget to look at the big picture of what Kiwanis accomplishes both locally and globally. And sometimes, we get stuck in ruts. Getting out and hearing from members who are doing what you do, but differently, can reignite your enthusiasm.
2. **Meet Kiwanis and Kiwanis-Family members from around Ohio.** Meeting members from around Ohio will not only expand your knowledge of Ohio geography (where is Salineville or Shelby or Cheviot?) but will also expand your network. You can make lasting friendships that will enhance your Kiwanis experience and provide new ideas for your Kiwanis Club.
3. **Learn more about Kiwanis and where we are headed.** Kiwanis is changing all the time. Did you know that Key Club and Circle K members are Associate members of Kiwanis? What are the 4 new focus points of the Ohio District Foundation? Attending the workshops at convention will enable you to become more knowledgeable.
4. **Celebrate the Kiwanis 100th Anniversary.** This mile marker is an amazing accomplishment for an organization. Be a part of the celebration! On Friday, there will be a Birthday Bash at an extremely low cost to members. Share in the fun, and then on Saturday, make your voice heard by attending the House of Delegates and the Ohio District Foundation meeting to vote for issues and candidates. Shape the future.
5. **Get rid of your stinky shoes.** Participate in the district project of collecting used shoes to be donated to Missions in Motion and new socks for the shelters in Cleveland.
6. **Make it a long weekend.** Cleveland has so many wonderful things to do. Here are a few: Cleveland Botanical Gardens, newly renovated Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the Great Lakes Science Center, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Hard Rock Rocksino, the Horseshoe Casino, the Westside Market, Great Lakes Brewery, and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Don't even get me started on the food! Visit Tremont or Ohio City for great places to try from chefs like Michael Symon or Dante Boccozzi.

Excited yet? Registration is open now and available at www.ohiokiwanis.org. Early Bird Registration is due July 19th.

See you in Beachwood,
Jennifer DeFrance
Convention Committee

Builders Club

06/10/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Nancy McNeal



I hope all of your Builders clubs had a successful and fun year! Many of your clubs have probably elected your new officers for the 2015-16 school year so they are ready to hit the ground running in the fall.

Congratulations to all clubs who donated to the MNT project through various fund

raisers. Your clubs are part of the very generous contributions to this Kiwanis International project from the SLP'S.

Congratulations to all the Kiwanis Clubs in the Ohio District who started new Builders Clubs this year. Let's keep on growing clubs this next year. If any of the Kiwanis clubs are interested in sponsoring a new club this fall, now is the time to contact KI for the information you will need to do so. Go to the KI web site and click on SLP. If I can of any help to you, please e-mail me at musiclady46@frontier.com or call 330-722-1948. Don't forget to stop by the Builders Club and K-Kids booths at the District Convention in August.

Nancy McNeal
2014-15 District Chair
Builders Club

Leading the Way to Eliminate Success

06/05/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: CindyChamper

OHIO KIWANIANS LEADING THE WAY TO ELIMINATE SUCCESS

Many congratulations go out to Fremont and Oxford Kiwanis, both of whom have pledged to be Bronze clubs! The actions of these clubs and their members will protect and save approximately 26,000 lives.



As we work toward International convention and sharing our success, remember that the women and children are waiting for us. They are walking sometimes a whole day to get their immunizations and how sad it would be if they got there and there was no more vaccine, because no more \$ to get some.

So if you're a Model club, either pledge up just a little to save even more lives, or work to become a Legacy club (paying up your pledge) just as soon as possible. We desperately need the funds to supply the much needed medical teams and vaccine. If you're not a Model club, the 20% matching funds are still available! And as I like to tell folks, this is FREE money (or a free donation) for your club.

You can also help by engaging with your SLP to have fun events for fundraising, and also be sure that your club is sending in its funds regularly.

We will have much to celebrate at the 100th Anniversary celebration in Indianapolis, including our Eliminate success, and I thank all of you for all you have done and all you will continue to do! Blessings to all!

Cindy Champer
District Coordinator
Eliminate MNT Project

Supporting our Most Vulnerable Children

06/15/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sarah Roush

A blessing. We received an absolute blessing this month. My husband and I received a



precious, beautiful little girl for our safekeeping through our county's foster children program. While we consider ourselves to be the lucky ones, "Princess Buttercup" may, in fact, be the lucky one.

Ohio's Foster Programs are currently in crisis. The surge of opiate abuse in our state has led to an upswing of children of all ages needing safe, caring homes while their parents are either incarcerated or trying to get their lives pulled together. Certification for foster parents is a long and somewhat invasive process as social workers scramble to find suitable support and surroundings for the casualties in the war on drugs. We were told in advance that any child we received through

foster placement, would have a 98% chance of drug abuse exposure. It makes me want to weep just thinking about it.

As Kiwanians, we have a tremendous opportunity to support our local Job and Family Service Agencies. Obviously, adoption and fostering is not something a club can do, but here are some ideas that a club can do.

Provide a "starter kit". When we picked up our daughter, she came with a suitcase of too small clothes, some diapers and part of a container of formula. We were lucky. Consider contacting your local agency and ask if they could utilize a collection of baby bottles, feeding spoons, sippy cups, baby wipes, clothes or teething rings. Toys are wonderful, but, when you have a three hour window to prepare for a new arrival, having a few basics to start with, is a blessing. Donations of "loaner" car seats and strollers are also helpful. Our new car seat was too big and we are borrowing one for a couple of weeks until she grows into her new seat.

Stipends for children vary from county to county, ours is \$18 a day. This is supposed to cover the cost of caring for the child, including diapers, toys, school fees, clothes, etc... *including childcare* for working families. Anyone who has had a teen ager knows they can pretty much eat their weight in food each month and a growth spurt can see them outgrow their clothes in a flash. Most of these children are placed with working families who are trying to stretch their budget. Consider being a "birthday or holiday" sponsor. Provide gifts such as clothes (the social worker can provide this information) and the small items that make students "fit in" with their peers. I-pods, gift cards, movies, games, specific brands of shoes or accessories can make a big impact.

Ask how your club can assist with promoting parenting classes, recruiting potential foster/adoptive parents or providing support for students needing tutoring, scholarships for extra-curricular activities or activities that will help them develop positive self-image.

Each agency has "visitation" areas for supervised visits and these little rooms can always use coloring books, crayons, games, puzzles, books, etc. since these items get a lot of hard use. Having something to do during these visits help re-establish the bond between the parent and child.

Please consider supporting these vulnerable members of our society and the agencies that provide direct services to them. It is a terrific investment in the future of these children.

The Ohio District will also be collecting gently used shoes at our District Convention in August. Bags of shoes (25 pairs per bag) will be donated to Missions in Motion to be distributed to individuals in developing countries who desperately need shoes. Shoes in poor condition will be recycled into raw materials to create shoes or other needed goods. New socks will be collected and distributed to Homeless shelters in the Cleveland area. Please consider participating in each program. It will make a tremendous

difference in the lives of so many.

Lessons from the Ant World

06/10/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Buescher

Ants get a bad rap as a nuisance but there's a lot we can learn from these creatures. Among their positive traits, they work unselfishly and cooperatively to dig tunnels, gather food and overcome obstacles.



The ant world image came to mind as I was thinking about the annual giving programs of our Kiwanis International Foundation and our Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Both organizations are so grateful for the support they receive from clubs and individuals across Ohio. Annual gifts power wonderful grants that assist clubs with projects right in their own back yards.

That said, the impact of our foundations could be far greater if more clubs and individuals get on board. Just like the ants, we have power in numbers: Gifts of MODEST amounts, multiplied by the generosity of HUNDREDS of clubs and individuals, quickly add up.

If you are not yet on board, I invite you to make a personal gift before the Kiwanis year ends Sept. 30. Ask your club to join you in supporting both the Kiwanis International Foundation Children's Fund (FKA "Birthday Fund") and the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Any of these actions will keep grants flowing to Ohio club projects. Remember: modest gifts X many people/clubs = big impact!

Making a contribution is easy. For the International Foundation, download a contribution form at kiwanis.org/foundation or use the [Give Now](#) link for online giving. For the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, go to odkf.org where you will find all the information you need.

Bob Buescher
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Aktion Club Convention: Service Around the World

06/08/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance



The Ohio Aktion Club Convention is August 28-29, 2015 at Recreation Unlimited. The theme is "Service Around the World."

Some highlights for the convention:

T-Shirt Design Contest – Members have the opportunity to design this year's official convention T-shirt. Designs should relate to the theme "Service Around the World." The entries must be submitted to Administrator Jennifer DeFrance by July 21, 2015.

Contests – This year's theme for the contests is "Heart to Serve." For the Speech Contest, members are asked to speak about how they learned about service and who included them to develop a HEART TO SERVE. The Poster Contest asks members to draw a picture of a time when providing service that makes the member happy inside. The Scrapbook Contest should show events, service and fundraisers from the year. Contest winners will be presented along with the Tom E. Crawford Award for Community Service and the club who collected the most shoes for Missions in Motion.

Around the World Treasure Hunt – New this year, attendees will get to adventure around Recreation Unlimited while on a worldly treasure hunt.

Workshops – The workshop options will be expanding this year as we look to have topics like: How to Run a Meeting, Fundraising, Heart to Serve, and Officer Workshops.

Fun – There will be a Pizza & Dance Party Friday Night, service projects throughout the convention, games, and swimming.

Registration Options:

- Friday-Saturday Registration Option - \$60.00 per attendee – includes Friday Night Pizza and Dance Party, Overnight stay, Saturday breakfast & lunch, Convention T-Shirt, Activities, Goody Bag and more. \$2 extra charge for shirts 2X-5X.
- Saturday Only Registration Option - \$50.00 per attendee – includes Saturday lunch, Convention T-Shirt, Activities, Goody Bag and more. \$2 extra charge for shirts 2X-5X.
- T-Shirts (for those not in attendance) can be ordered. Pre-orders only. - \$10 for sizes S, M, L, XL and \$12 for sizes 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X
- Registration Forms must be postmarked by Friday, August 7th to guarantee T-Shirt. Registrations will be accepted through Friday, August 14th.

We can use Kiwanians' help by donations of bottles of water, prizes, service project ideas, pens, notepads, craft supplies, and anything else. We want to make this a very special event for Aktion Club Members.

Please contact Ohio Aktion Administrator Jennifer DeFrance at jldefrance@gmail.com or 330-591-8388 with any questions. Thank you!

The Many Faces of Kiwanis Fund Raising

06/08/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Williams, ODK Treasurer

Each year, Kiwanis clubs require millions of dollars to complete their chosen community-service projects, and there are possibly as many fund raising methods used as there are Kiwanis clubs. When conducting fund raising activities, as with all activities of the club, be ever mindful of insurance liability, avoid potential for loss, restrict Kiwanis coverage to members of the Kiwanis family, and avoid bringing outsiders under the Kiwanis liability insurance umbrella. Practice risk management at all times. Each time the Kiwanis club embarks upon a fund raiser, consider the phases that members of Key Club, Circle K, Builders Club, K-Kids, and Aktion Club can handle effectively and invite them to participate. Here are some ideas to fund raise by your club.



Sale of Commercial Products

The sale of commercial products is one type of fund raising activity utilized by many clubs whose members are enthusiastic about selling products. Some commercial products may be available through local or nearby manufacturers or agents. Many commercial products are available from manufacturers in a special organizational fund raising plan containing complete instructions and promotional materials.

Commercial products sold by Kiwanis clubs include: apples, desk pads, bumper stickers, flags, candles, flowers, calendars, light bulbs, cheese, pickles, Christmas cards, pizzas, Christmas trees, pumpkins, coloring books, sausage, cookies, smoke alarms, coupon books, soap, dried fruit, trash bags, etc.

Purchase Talent

Circus: requires careful planning, hard work, and a signed contract. Clubs should be careful if employing professional ticket-selling agencies. Their high-pressure tactics and sometimes unethical methods can create negative public relations and adverse criticism of a club or Kiwanis in general. Various clubs have had positive experiences with Carson & Barnes Circus Inc., P.O. Box J, Hugo, OK 74743, or for the Marketing and Promotions Department, 100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955.

Sponsored Performances: there are many types of programs available for a sponsored performance, including concert artists, symphony orchestras, glee clubs, plays, and outstanding public speakers. Arrangements usually are made through lecture or entertainment bureaus.

Sporting Events: consult with local sports authorities and athletic directors to choose a sport that is popular in the community. Make sure the event's location has sufficient seating to ensure good gate receipts. Clubs in communities supporting professional sports can arrange benefit dates with the management.

Theater Parties : arrangements can be made with the management of a local movie theater or community theater groups.

Club-sponsored Activities

Before sponsoring an activity, the club should be sure it has the interest and full cooperation of its members, as well as the complete cooperation of any outside coordinating agencies. It is also necessary to have committees sufficient to handle all plans of the project. A good location must be secured, with ample space and facilities.

The following is a list of various Kiwanis club-sponsored activities: airline trip, golf tournaments, antiques sale, home tour, arts and crafts sale, gourmet club, auction (radio/TV), haunted house, barbecue, horse show, beauty pageant, oyster roast, carnival, pancake day, chili feed, rose sale, clam bake, radio days, donut sale, sporting events, fashion show, swim meet, festival, theater production, flea market, track meet, garage sale, and a walkathon.

United States Revenue Act

Keep this in mind in all fund raising activities. Kiwanis clubs are not-for-profit by virtue of their affiliation with Kiwanis International. As such, US clubs have a classification of 501 (c) (4) with the Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S.). Unless a US club has established a club foundation with a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt classification and its fund-raising solicitation is conducted by or on behalf of the foundation, the Kiwanis club must abide by the US Revenue Act regarding fund-raising solicitations. This legislation requires that any fund-raising solicitation by or on behalf of Kiwanis clubs and Kiwanis districts must include an express statement that contributions or gifts to (insert club or district name) are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. The statement must be in a conspicuous and easily recognizable format on all solicitations, whether in written or printed form, by radio, television, or by telephone. If solicitation is by or on behalf of a Kiwanis club foundation classified as a 501 (c) (3) by the IRS, it would be prudent to also provide a written or verbal statement to this effect, where in the foundation is named so there is no misunderstanding on the part of the public.

Good Luck in all your fund raising efforts as you use the money raised to provide community service.

Bob Williams
2014-15 District Treasurer

New Club Opening

06/22/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kathleen Moylan



The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

We focus a lot on service here at Kiwanis, and it is an important part of living a happy and fulfilling life including being part of a close-knit community where you can share, help and support people you care about. It also includes being kind to strangers, and learning to replace envy and anger with understanding and empathy.

It's easy to get so wrapped up in fixing your own life that you forget about helping others. And while its important to put yourself first sometimes, its even more important to help others whenever you can, even if those others are outside your community.

Being generous isn't even always about altruism – becoming more generous and compassionate will have real tangible benefits in your own life.

With this being said, the generosity of so many Kiwanians as we focus on opening new clubs has been overwhelming the last couple of months.

We currently are working on clubs in Upper Sandusky, Leetonia, Shelby, N. Baltimore, Madison, Wyoming and Huron with a few others down the pipeline. We are also close to opening a new club in Boone County, KY – a joint venture with the KY-TN District. We have 4 months left to get these up and rolling, but why not start looking at locations to focus on for the next Kiwanis year. Do you have a community that is not being served by Kiwanis? Just let us know, and we'll get you started.

Kathleen Moylan

Club News

Parma Area Terrific Kids Milestones

06/12/2015 - Club: Parma Area Morning - Submitted by: Joe Germana

Parma Area Kiwanis celebrated milestones this year: 15 years hosting "Terrific Kids" Award ceremony at Ridge-Brook Elementary, serving more than 10,400 ice cream sundaes, shaking hands with students and presenting them with certificates and

pencils for being a "Terrific Kid" for exhibiting good citizenship. This month the Parma Club also presented 2 college scholarships to students from Normandy and Valley Forge High Schools, volunteered at the Parma Area Family Collaborative Food pantry unloading foodtrucks and fed the homeless at the St Augustine Hunger Center. Over 200 Kiwanis Balloons and 500 Chad Stickers were distributed at the Parma City Safety Fair. C.H.A.D. (Children Have An iDentity) stickers are identification labels to put on car seats, and Bike Helmets.

Key Club Feeds Relay for Life participants

06/08/2015 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski



The Key Club from Westlake High School sold food to raise funds for the American Cancer Society during the Westshore Relay For Life.

Westlake Aktion Club Blooming on Hilliard

06/08/2015 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club and Key Club planted their flower boxes along Hilliard Blvd as part of the Westlake in Bloom competition. The Aktion Club stuck to a theme of blue and yellow flowers to match their club shirts and Kiwanis Colors.



Aktion Club Plants Pinwheels for Prevention

06/08/2015 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis and Aktion Club, partnered with Providence House in Cleveland as part of a national program to raise awareness of child abuse. The program is called "Pinwheels For Prevention." They placed 292 pinwheels in the tree box on Hilliard Boulevard in Westlake with the pinwheels representing abused children.



Westlake Memorial Day Parade a K-Family Effort

06/08/2015 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

Westlake Kiwanis Annual Memorial Day Parade and Service was a cooperative effort between Kiwanis, Key Club and Aktion Club. Shown here Kiwanian Ret Air Force Major Joe Anthony, guest speaker was Sgt. James Stout, Kiwanian Ed Sheehan 89 year old ex Marine who served on Iwo Jima and Kiwanian Mayor Dennis Clough. The Aktion Club handed out American Flags along the parade route.



Westlake Kiwanis Presents First Community Service Award

06/08/2015 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis awarded the first ever William E. Sifritt Community Service Award to Alex Krystynak on Monday, May 18, at Westlake City Hall. Westlake Kiwanis President-elect George Christ presented the award to Alex who is a senior at Westlake High School. Mayor Dennis Clough also presented Alex with a proclamation declaring May 18, 2015, "Alex Krystynak Day" in the city of Westlake.

Alex is the vice president of Key Club, Scout Weblo Pack 98 assistant leader, a member of the Cleveland Police Outreach Group, photographer for the Westlake High School newspaper, a member of the Westshore Emergency Response Team (CERT), Key Leader and a lifeguard at the Westlake Recreation Center.

Alex's call to service to his community and his peers, coupled with his enthusiastic energy to be of service to others, earned him the recognition of being the recipient of the Kiwanis Community Service Award named for William E. Sifritt, longtime Westlake Kiwanian. Alex's name is the first on the plaque which will hang in the rotunda of Westlake City Hall.

Member of Lima Kiwanis was a Pilot of Marine One

05/23/2015 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

Story in the 419, a weekly newspaper. Don Klingler, who was born near Lafayette and graduated from Harrod High School in 1951, didn't plan to make the military his career. Wanting to go his own way was his inspiration for joining the Marine Corps in 1953.

"The Army was trying to draft me, and I was one of those guys who didn't want to do what they wanted me to do. I wanted to do what I wanted to do," said Klingler.



"At the time, my boss was a Marine Reserve. He encouraged me to join the Marine Reserves and save myself from being drafted. I thought, 'Well, I'll join the Reserves, go on active duty for two years, get my two-year

obligation in, come back to Lima and live happily ever after.

Well, I liked the Marine Corps so well and they offered me such great jobs that I decided to go for a six-year contract," he said.

Klingler's six years stretched into a 30-year career with the Marine Corps. He got started out after boot camp with aviation prep school.

"They just introduce you to all the different occupations in the Marine aviation side of the world. I liked meteorology. I had high enough scores and IQ to qualify, so they sent me for training to be a meteorologist," Klingler said.

He went to Cherry Point, N.C., for his first duty station, where he started out as a weather observer.

"I'd go out every hour and observe the weather, report it and put it on ticker tape or in those days, teletype. That was transmitted all over the United States and eventually the world. That was our job. We used the observations too for briefing pilots," Klingler said.

After spending more than a year as a weather observer, he became a climatology expert and then a weather forecaster. After serving as a forecaster, Klingler went on a training cruise in the Mediterranean with NATO to Greece.



Don Klingler on the steps of Marine One.

"Russia was trying to establish communism in Greece, so we were training with the Grecian military to try and get them up to speed so they'd be strong enough to resist communism," he said.

During his 30 years of service, Klingler did many jobs. He was trained to be a fixed-wing (airplane) pilot and a helicopter pilot. Klingler was a flight instructor in Pensacola, Fla., for three years where he trained people how to fly helicopters.

"One of my star students was Buzz Aldrin," he said. "They were training the astronauts who were going to be on the moon mission in helicopters because the moon landing module flew like a helicopter," Klingler said.

He would later pilot a mission to pick up three astronauts and Apollo 15, which had splashed into the ocean off Hawaii.

"It was an exciting mission. We went and picked up the three astronauts, transported them and put them on a ship, then went back and picked up the capsule," Klingler said.

After being a flight instructor, Klingler had orders to prepare for combat.

"I was sent overseas in late '66 to Vietnam. I was in the country for 13 months and flew logistics like Medevac supplies and troop inserts. I ended up with 23 air medals because of all the missions that I flew," Klingler said.

Among his many different jobs and duty stations, Klingler's favorite was the presidential mission: He co-piloted the helicopter Marine One for President Johnson and later piloted for President Nixon.



An old photograph of Don Klingler

“The first time you fly the president, it dawns on you – you’re the guy in charge of everything, even the president of the United States. At first I thought, ‘What have I got myself into? What if the helicopter has a malfunction; what will I do?’ There was some mental stress,” Klingler said.

“President Johnson treated the pilot like a taxi driver, but President Nixon was very congenial and would talk with you. The best part of the job was that everything was first-class. In the Marine Corps, you’re on a budget. With the presidential mission, it was no problem if you needed something,” he said.

Some of the biggest challenges Klingler faced include the many training sessions because the Marine Corps had such high expectations, and serving 13 months in Vietnam during combat.

“It’s always challenging when you’re involved in a conflict. You’re working long hours, not getting much sleep and there’s a lot of action and stress. It’s never easy to lose your friends,” he said.

In 1954, Klingler married his wife, Joan, and the couple has four children: Jeff, Jackie, Jimmie and Julie. The Klinglers also have four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

In 1983, Klingler was serving in Hawaii when he decided to retire. He got a job as the general manager for the Allen County Fairgrounds and moved back to Lima. While working for the fairgrounds, Klingler also ran the family farm passed down from his father.

“There’s always something to do on a farm. I spent 13 years doing both jobs,” Klingler said. In 1996, he retired from the fairgrounds; in 2013, he turned operation of the family farm over to his son.

“Now he runs the family farm and I help,” he said.