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Ohio District of Kiwanis International

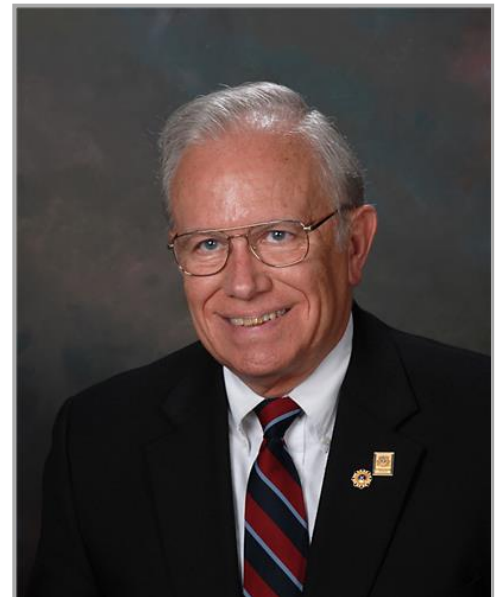
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## Governor's Report

*03/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss*

"A tremendous success" are the only words that can describe the recent Midyear Education Day. The attendance, at 380, is the largest anyone can remember. Event chair, Sharon O'Neill, along with other committee members, provided a truly outstanding day of Kiwanis education. The food and facilities were excellent. There were many opportunities for every Kiwanis member present to learn more about opportunities for Kiwanis service. Make a commitment now to attend next year's Kiwanis Midyear Education Day.



Plans are complete for the first Ohio District Webinar on April 11, 2011. The subject will be "Best Practices or Membership Growth". This is a great opportunity for all Ohio Kiwanis members to join together to learn about new ways for membership growth. The webinar will be only one hour, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Space is limited. To reserve your place for the webinar, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/601218995>. This small investment of your time will bring great rewards for your Kiwanis club. Encourage other members of your club to register for the webinar.

Kiwanis "One Day" is April 2, 2011. This is one day in the year that many Kiwanis clubs around the world try to schedule a project to help their communities. This would be a great day for your club to start a new service project. Start now to plan for how your club will participate in Kiwanis "One Day" on April 2nd.

Now is the time to "Light the Fire" in membership. Now is the best time to get new members in your club. Sixty-seven "67" clubs have met the challenge to become a "Plus Club" by increasing their net membership by one over their membership total at October 1, 2010. We need to get going and add new members to our roster. Let's not forget about adding new Kiwanis Clubs to our District. If you know of an opportunity to establish a new Kiwanis Club, please contact one of the five District Chairs for Membership and New Club Building. They are ready, willing, and able, to help you and your club work on a new club.

Andrew DeFratis is the new Governor of the Ohio District Circle K. Congratulations Andrew, and best wishes for a very successful year.

## District Secretary's Notes

03/11/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



Last Saturday the Ohio District held a very successful Mid Year Education Day with our attendance increasing for the first time in several years. Even more encouraging was the number of Ohio District Kiwanis members who attended their first district educational conference. I believe this bodes well for Kiwanis service in our communities. These members will take what they learned back to their clubs and use it to improve the lives of children in their communities. Keep up the great work!

### Club Elections

Now is the time to think about who will lead your club in the future. Kiwanis International recently hosted a webinar entitled "Succession Planning". You can view this webinar by going to [www.KiwanisOne.org](http://www.KiwanisOne.org) and going to the Training Link on the right side of the page. That will take you to a webpage where you can select the Webinar Archives. You will find the Succession Planning webinar under the Kiwanis Leaders section. Please make use of the wonderful resources available on the Kiwanis member website. Once your club has selected its officers for the coming year, please be sure that your club secretary files the "online" Club Election Report to advise Kiwanis International (and the Ohio District) who will be leading your club in 2011-12.

### Club Leadership Education Sessions Planned

The Ohio District is very busy putting together the schedule of Club Leadership Education Sessions to take place in the coming months. As a "CLE" Trainer, I will tell you that the session has been completely revised and you will want to make sure your President Elect and Secretary make every effort to attend the one scheduled in your area. Not only will you secure points toward "Distinguished" Status for the 2011-12 Kiwanis Year, but you will receive information that will improve the service your club provides to your local community.

Thanks once again for all you do in your local community to improve the lives of children and others. I am extremely honored to serve the Kiwanis members of the Ohio District. Please don't hesitate to call me if I can assist you in any way. The district office phone number is (614) 848-5000 (Columbus Area) or (888) 827-8196 (Toll Free). In either case, my extension is 201.

## Key Leader is Back!

03/13/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kelly Shaffer, Chair

It's time to make a difference in the life of another teen! Yes, that's right, Key Leader is

gearing up for another great Ohio event! Students will learn what it takes to be a leader and how to work together to make the community better. They will learn so many life changing things. Or maybe they will learn to work with many different personalities and leadership styles to achieve a goal.



These are just a few of the skills that students learned at Fall 2010 Key Leader in Ohio. Wouldn't you like to give a student in your community the opportunity to learn all of this and more. Consider offering a full or partial sponsorship to our next event, April 29-May 1, 2011 at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio (minutes from I-71 north of Columbus).

A participant said to us, "if you show good and strong qualities, people will admire you and you can help them to become a Key Leader, too." Let your club be admired and give a teen the chance to be a Key Leader today! Information and registration are available at [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org).

Questions may be directed to Kelly Shaffer, Ohio District Chair for Key Leader at [ohiokeyleader@gmail.com](mailto:ohiokeyleader@gmail.com).

## Builders Club

*03/08/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Suzanne Lemak*



Builders Club (BC) is a Kiwanis Program where we can help young adults reach their dreams. We bring honor, courage, trust, responsibility, humility and leadership back into their lives. These middle school age students are too young to work or drive, so they have a lot of free time to Make a Difference in their Communities.

Thank you to the following Kiwanis Clubs who have sponsored a new Builders Club this Kiwanis year beginning October 2010:- Mansfield, Newbury Area, Northwest Columbus and Lima. Under the guidance of

Kiwanis members, these young BC students will become competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service. Who will be the next Kiwanis Club to move forward to mentor these young adults with a Builders Club?

Besides a school, a Builders Club can also be formed as a community-based club in a non-educational facility, such as a community center, library, Boys and Girls Club, YM/YWCA, or church. Which Kiwanis Club in the Ohio District will be the first to open up a non-traditional Builders Club – to grow Builders Clubs beyond the "status quo"? Service Leadership Programs (SLP) are the best kept Kiwanis secret. Let the world know what Kiwanis does. We have to promote movement from one SLP to another – K-Kids → Builders Club → Key Club → Circle K plus work with Key Leader and Aktion Club.

Suzanne Lemak  
Ohio District Builders Club Administrator 2010-2011

**Don't Miss the 54th Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing**

03/01/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: William Flinta

The Ohio Kiwanis Foundation and its golf committee are actively planning and excited for this summer's 54th Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing. The event will again be sponsored by the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation, making a portion of the registration fee and all sponsorship donations tax deductible, and the net proceeds will be available to help support Foundation projects. Please plan on joining us on either July 20th or 21st at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Canton, Ohio. Tam O'Shanter is located at 5055 Hills & Dales Road NW, Canton, Ohio. The course is easily accessible from I-77. As always this event is open to the entire Kiwanis family and all friends of Kiwanis.



This year's event will be a scramble format with various levels of prizes. There will be games of skill on the course with skill prizes at the end of each day. In certain categories there will be separate prizes for women and seniors. Mulligans will be available for all golfers.

The price of this year's event is \$80.00 and it includes lunch, golf, cart, prizes, and a great dinner. To continue to make this event a success and help raise funds for the many projects and grants supported by the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation, sponsorships will again be sold. Sponsorship levels are as follows; a hole sponsorship for \$100.00, a preferred sponsorship for \$175.00, a par sponsorship for \$250.00, a birdie sponsorship for \$500.00, an eagle sponsorship for \$750.00, and a double eagle sponsorship for \$1000.00. The hole sponsorship will get a professional sponsor sign on a hole with special recognition in the dinner program each day. The preferred hole sponsorship will get all hole sponsor benefits plus a sponsor sign on both courses. The par sponsor will receive all the benefits of the preferred sponsor plus golf and dinner for one person. The birdie sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for two. The eagle sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for three. The double eagle sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for four. Or if you prefer you may sponsor prize or goodie bag items that may be able to be customized with your logo. Please contact Bill or Dave at the numbers below to further discuss one of these customized sponsorship options. We are in need of strong support in sponsorships to help keep the tournament at the quality level everyone has come to expect and benefit the Foundation. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at [www.OhioKiwanisGolf.com](http://www.OhioKiwanisGolf.com), which can also be reached from the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation website at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org).

Directions to Tam O'Shanter from I-77 are as follows. From the south take exit 107 and turn left on Fulton Drive then turn left on Hills and Dales Road and follow it to the golf course on the right. From the north take exit 109 and turn right on Everhard Road, then turn left on Dressler Road, and then turn right on Hills and Dales Road and follow it to the golf course on the right.

Please mark your calendars and arrange your teams now to take advantage of the great fun, food and fellowship that takes place at this event every year. Tee times are assigned on a first come first serve basis so register early. The event is held rain or shine. No cancellations can be accepted after July 13, 2011. If anyone needs help with lodging arrangements please contact us by June 15. Please encourage your club to send one or more foursomes to this great District event. If you have any questions regarding the tournament please contact either Dave Kuhn (440) 232-2562 or Bill Flinta (330) 923-0454. Thanks for supporting this event. We look forward to seeing everyone in July.



# Club Accident Coverage--Something To Consider!

03/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jack Hilborn



Kiwanis International is now offering all Kiwanis clubs the opportunity to purchase accident insurance protection for members and volunteers (including service leadership clubs sponsored by the Kiwanis club--IE. Aktion Club, Key Club, etc.)

Please consider this important protection. A combination information brochure/application is available via the KiwanisOne website. Simply click on Club Leadership Tools; then click on Secretary; then click on Risk Management; and finally click on Club Accident Coverage. You will be able to print the brochure/application form.

If you want to purchase this important protection for club events where a member or volunteer may be injured, the policy would be effective once payment is received and the club's application approved and would extend accident coverage to November 1, 2011. Kiwanis International wants a common inception/expiration date for all such policies. At that time, a full annual policy term would be available. The rates shown in the the brochure, per member and per volunteer, would be applicable to any policy issued from now to November 1st.

Two coverage limits are offered: a \$10,000 per person limit or a \$25,000 per person limit. Coverage would apply not only for injury but also for accidental death or dismemberment. Please refer to the brochure for complete details of policy limitations and exclusions. There would be a \$50 per injury deductible.

Remember, Kiwanis International provides liability insurance for club events/operations, but this coverage does not extend to medical payments such as accidental injury to any member and/or volunteer working on behalf of Kiwanis at a club-sponsored event.

Please visit the KiwanisOne website to check out this important protection for your club or contact me for more information: Jack Hilborn, Ohio District Risk Mgmt. Chair, P.O. Box 688, Delaware, OH 43015--phone: 740-369.9641 or [hilborn@midohio.net](mailto:hilborn@midohio.net).

## Webinar For The Ohio District - Membership Growth

03/13/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

### **Best Practices for Membership Growth**

Join us for a Webinar on April 11, 2011.

**Learn about best practices for membership growth in the Ohio District.**

Title: Best Practices for Membership Growth

Date: **Monday, April 11, 2011**

Time: **7:00 PM - 8:00 PM EDT**

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees  
Required: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer

Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/601218995>

## February Membership Report

*03/10/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Membership Committee*

Congratulations to the eight Lt. Governors who had a "Plus" in membership for their Divisions as of February 28, 2011. Special recognition goes to Jodee Ward (Division 24) with a "Plus 18" members for her division and to Robert Panovich (Division 16) with a "Plus 12" for his division. The other Lt. Governors with a "Plus" include Jane Eaton (Division 1-N), Cory Briner (Division 1-S), Alyson Gerwe (Division 8), Greg Halbe (Division 10-E), Beth McFarlan-Hutson (Division 12), and Lyndon Thomas (Division 17).



Sixty-seven clubs are now a member of the leaders that have met the goal of having a "Plus" in membership as of the end of December. This means that they have had a net gain of at least one member in their Kiwanis Club. Many clubs have exceeded the goal.

This is a great start. We need to continue to work on membership to turn around the numbers and be a "Plus" club, division, or District. Let's all "Light The Fire" in membership.

[Click Here](#) to review the membership leaders as of February 28, 2011.

## More Than Money: Circle K

*03/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sarah Roush*

When someone mentions supporting our Circle K clubs, all too often they immediately assume this is a request for money. While money is *always appreciated* (donate to **Kiwanis Invests in Circle K** via the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation), there are some much simpler ways to assist our college branch.

1. Help plan an open house. On the average, 99% of the club will turn over within 4 years. So the need for recruiting is constant. Help your club plan a successful and fun open house. Help them plan activities to do during the open house, have sign-up sheets for future events and help them with developing an educational and lively presentation about why Circle K is unique among all the other service clubs on campus. Donations of food are generally universally accepted as well.
2. Many campuses limit who can have vehicles on campus. This makes it hard to attend off-campus projects or meetings (i.e. Kiwanis Club activities) or events (Circle K division and district functions). Provide drivers to events and meetings.



3. Encourage your clubs to get involved. Hosting a division rally, district event or encouraging club members to run for a higher office will only help strengthen your clubs. Encouraging them to attend district events will help them become excited and more informed about our dynamic group. This is always a good thing.
4. Many schools limit what clubs can do on campus for a fund-raiser. Help them plan a fundraiser or co-host one off campus.
5. Help them plan. While we have planning sessions at SpOT, it never hurts to revisit goals and to evaluate how the club is doing and what they can improve upon. Once goals have been met – establish new ones.
6. Be a sounding board. Often, clubs will get frustrated with whatever they are struggling with and need help with problem solving. Mentor them regarding what is not working, what could possibly be changed and what new tactics can be applied.
7. Encourage interclubbing. With your Kiwanis Club, with other Circle K clubs and with other branches of the Kiwanis family. Roadtrips build strong friendships and provides opportunity to talk and brainstorm, interaction with other clubs will provide ideas and enthusiasm for the future activities.
8. Have a presence at their meetings. Attend projects, fundraisers and open-houses. Don't allow your Kiwanis Club to be a shadowy background presence for their organization. Help them learn the Kiwanis mission and invite them to be involved with your club activities.
9. Make certain the club's governing documents are updated. By making certain information and codes are in place – it will go a long way toward preventing potential administrative disasters.

By doing these activities, your Kiwanis Club will help your Circle K be a strong, dynamic organization on campus. The members will be enthusiastic and vibrant ambassadors for the Kiwanis family because of the nurturing environment. If you need resources on how to achieve any of the above, please feel free to contact the Ohio District Kiwanis Office at 888-827-8196.

A special thanks to everyone who participated in the Cornhole Tournament at the Kiwanis Midyear. We raised \$375 for the KICK fund. Pictured are our winners and runners up for the tournament.

## **CLE (Club Leadership Education) 2011**

*03/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dennis E. Lehman*



Once again it is time to start planning for Certified Leadership Education (CLE) for the leadership of the Kiwanis Clubs in the Ohio District. This education is the responsibility of the Lt. Governors-elect as they provide it for the new club leadership teams. The Lt. Governors will select a date on a Saturday from May 21 to June 25, 2011 and will also select a location for this training. The Ohio District will provide two instructors from our Certified Instructors Team and they will be assigned to a Division/s to do the training. All the necessary Kiwanis materials will be provided by Kiwanis International and the Ohio District. The training sessions last for approximately four hours from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

The CLE training is provided for the leadership team including the President-elect, the Secretary, and other leaders from the Kiwanis club. The President-elect and the Secretary should be present in order for the club to get the necessary points to become a "Distinguished Club" at the end of the Kiwanis year. They also will be able to learn about leadership skills, the Kiwanis family, club finances, membership strategies, fundraising, and club initiatives. This is also a time to interact with other club members and to learn from each other. CLE

training is very important and will provide the tools needed to get your club started and on the correct track for the 2011-12 Kiwanis year. If you cannot attend the CLE session that your Division is having, you can attend any other one in the District. We will have a schedule ready in a few weeks, so check with your Lt. Governor-elect for your date and the other dates available. Please plan to attend get your Kiwanis year off to a great start. If you have any questions, please contact your Lt. Governor-elect or me: Dennis Lehman at drdennisel@windstream.net.

Dennis E. Lehman  
Ohio District Master Instructor

## Club News

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### **KIRTLAND KIWANIS CLUB HONORS ONE OF ITS OWN**

*03/14/2011 - Club: Kirtland - Submitted by: William Pastor*

The program for a recent Thursday night meeting of the Kirtland Kiwanis Club was dedicated to the recognition and honoring of one of its members, retiring Kirtland Schools Superintendent, Dr. Stan Lipinski, for all he has accomplished for the school system and the community. Master of Ceremonies John Bodmer and President Cathy Balazs presented Stan with the Kiwanis Outstanding Leadership and Service Award.

Stan often would take time out from his schedule to attend Kiwanis meetings and keep the club informed of the status of events involving Kirtland Schools. The Kirtland Kiwanis Club is proud to have Stan included in its membership. The 50 Kiwanians and guests that evening were testimony to the appreciation of the community for all he has done.



Kirtland Mayor Mark Tyler presented Stan with an official proclamation from the city. A number of attendees and guests, including former School Board President, David Skegs, praised Stan for his dedication, commitment to students and his tireless work ethic. Board member Any Balazs presented Stan with an Appreciation Clock from the Kirtland Board of Education.

One of Stan's many accomplishments as Superintendent was the completion of the District's largest major construction project on time and under budget. Doing so involved overseeing the renovation of the main campus classroom buildings while maintaining the ongoing recognition for Kirtland School's quality education. It should be noted that the District has attained an "Excellent" rating each of the 9 years of Dr. Lipinski's tenure, a reminder that "Stan was Superintendent of education, not schools".

Stan thanked everyone for the kind words, and for the support. He pointed out that the key to his success was having great people to work with, caring parents, great staff and students. He reminded us that we are stakeholders and that it is up to each of us to carry on the excellence tradition concluding that "with me, it was not just a job, it was a passion, all about the kids and education".



ProPhoto: Proclamation presented to Dr. Lipinski by Kirtland Mayor Mark Tyler

## **Builders Club supports First Family project**

*03/13/2011 - Club: West Toledo - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Builders advisor*



The Washington Jr. High Builders club was proud to recently support the Ohio Kiwanis Governors First Family project on pediatric trauma and first responders. The Builders club made two baskets of the dolls and presented them at a recent Governors visit. The dolls, which are about 15 inches high, have no face, allowing children who have been injured or in traumatic situations, to express themselves.

The Washington Jr. High Builders club was chartered in 2003 and is sponsored by West Toledo Kiwanis.

(Photo, left to right) - Cindy Champer, Kiwanis Builders club advisor; Marya Knuth, faculty Builders club advisor; Ohio Governor John DeVilbiss; Steven Livingston, Washington 8th grader; First Lady Wanda DeVilbiss; Troy Lefevre, Washington 8th grader; Scott Michaelis, faculty advisor; and Carole Heltzel, seamstress.

## **Granville Kiwanis Pancake Day and Maple Syrup Project**

*03/13/2011 - Club: Granville - Submitted by: Jerry Miller*

The Kiwanis Club of Granville held their annual pancake day on March 5, 2011. This year's event was held at the Granville High School, in partnership with the Granville HS Key Club. The Key Clubbers helped with pre-sale tickets, helped serve pancakes and also staffed a registration table for people to sign up for their bone marrow donor program. Additionally Boy Scout Troop 65 which is sponsored by our club, served extra pancakes and cleaned up the tables.



One of the unique things about our Pancake Day is that we make our own maple syrup. Our club has been doing this for over 40 years and this year has been very good. We have made over 75 gallons of maple syrup and the season is not yet over. Many thanks to Pancake Day Chairperson, Butch Curtis and to our Maple Syrup Project Chair of Don Lewis and Bob Warner.

Pictured is Bob Warner tapping a maple tree at the Granville Elementary School as part of our program for 1st graders. It will conclude with a trip to the sugarshack to see how maple syrup actually being made.

## **FLAGS OVER BEREA**



A sure sign that Summer is coming -- FLAGS OVER BERE! Two years ago, a committee was formed, co-chaired by Berea Mayor/Kiwanian Cyril Kleem and Kiwanian Larry Myers to explore launching a new patriotic flag program, patterned after a neighboring community. This was patterned over a similar program in a neighboring city. The locations for the flags were picked, fence post-holes dug and sleeves inserted. Eighteen foot telescoping flag poles and all weather American Flags were purchased. A sponsor was solicited for each flag (a corporation, service club, or individual.)

The flags are flown for 60 days annually, to celebrate Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Patriots Day (9/11) and Veterans' Day. Each flag has a sign in front that displays the sponsor's name and a short patriotic/memorial name. Along with making our community look good for summer holidays and showing our patriotism, this project has allowed Berea Kiwanis to double the amount we give in college scholarships for local high school seniors.