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Change Is In the Air

03/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

Greetings Ohio Kiwanians!

It seems that we just can't shake this cold weather. We are all anticipating the change in the season. I have been adding 5Ks and yoga events to my calendar all week because we are all prepared for the change. We are all getting excited to shake this weather and move forward to warmer days. What is nice about Ohio's weather is that we generally know what to expect, we know what change to anticipate. With everything else in the world, change may not be so predictable. At the Mid-Year Education Day this March, both President-Elect John Button and I spoke about change. For my article this month, I am including a portion of my speech from Mid-Year:



"Why do we have Kiwanis meetings? We meet to communicate, plan, educate, and share in fellowship. Largely, the format of the typical Kiwanis meeting has not changed during my life time. The Kiwanis Club I knew in my youth, Vienna, met at a church weekly, had full meals served, had speakers, etc. My current Kiwanis Club, Kent, is almost exactly the same. Over 30 years the Kiwanis meeting has remained unchanged. Well, there has one major change...women in Kiwanis. The Vienna Kiwanis Club had one woman in their membership while I was in high school, and she struggled to find the acceptance that she deserved in that club. I believe that this has changed as I see my own club thrive with women, and frankly, I am not sure what Kent would do without the determined, strong women that we have. But I digress, otherwise, Kiwanis meetings have not changed.

So much in my life time has dramatically changed, particularly in the area of communication and socialization. The cliché symbols of change in communication are phones and computers. Computers barely existed in the '80s and now we carry them around. We are connected to the world through a screen. It is amazing. Phones. My parents had a rotary phone, the same white one for 25 years. I thought I was lucky when I got this cool phone and phone line into my bedroom. Now? Now, I carry a phone. I don't have a home phone. I can access the internet, the world, by something held in my hand. My power of communication has evolved rapidly in the past 30 years. But like I

said, these are cliché examples.

The KSU Dean of Architecture, Douglas Steidl, spoke at Kent's annual joint service club meeting the other night. Whether intentional or not, he spoke a great deal about change. The evolution to sustainability, changes in architecture students' needs, etc. A striking example to me was the library. Like Kiwanis, the library is a long-standing institution. He asked what do you think of when you think of libraries? The immediate answers are books and quiet. And yes, books and extreme quiet with a story time thrown in on Saturday mornings was the library of my childhood. My mom and I would leave with stacks of books to read each week. And do you remember the actual card catalogs? Just from my own context, libraries have changed. At my library there is a long list of activities – movie night, puzzle exchanges, cake pan lending, book sales, internet access, computer classes, and, oh yeah, story time. You can borrow books, sure, but you can also borrow audiobooks on CD and on portable devices, DVDs, and I am sure more. As the internet evolved and e-readers have become commonplace, I wondered about the fate of the library. On a college campus like Kent, a library was a source of materials and information. It was a source of that quiet - a place to hide to study, read, and write. You could probably get a room to have a group study, but otherwise the library was that quiet sanctuary. So, I have wondered, what is a library today and what will a library be in the future? Well, Dean Steidl shared that the library of today has evolved. It is now a meeting place, a place to share ideas, to get information. He suggested that it is a community center. A community center? That is social, loud. Steidl said it is a hub. It turns out that there are lengthy whitepapers that discuss the changing role of the library, the librarian, the user. So in 30 years, libraries have evolved to stay relevant to our needs. And the library still exists. I can still get a book but I can also get the audiobook on a portable device. Wow.

So what can Kiwanis learn from the library? Libraries still exist in force because they have listened to their users, their clients, their members. Going from a 'ssshhh....quiet' culture to a social community and information center is a bold change. The change had to have been a challenge for traditionalists working within libraries. But the library thrives. How many library closings have you heard of? Kiwanis meetings should provide the same things that they provided 30 and 99 years ago – communication, planning, education, and fellowship, but how we can do it to change. I have heard a variety of criticisms about Kiwanis meetings in general - food, location, time, speakers.

I feel that Kiwanis meetings, in some form, are essential to Kiwanis membership. Meetings are the mode in which we create community and develop ideas. But should our meetings be in the same exact format that they were 30 years ago when in fact everything around us has evolved? We need to let our meetings evolve. We need to listen to our members and let ourselves think outside of the box. I want Kiwanis to thrive like the library."

Best,

Governor Jennifer DeFrance

District Secretary's Notes

03/14/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

Last weekend, the Ohio District once again held its annual Mid Year Education Day. Our registered attendees surpassed the 400 mark for one of our most successful events ever. Comments from attendees were 100% positive and many told us they would be back next year. I would like to take a few moments to thank a few people who were instrumental in the success of the event:



- Governor Jennifer DeFrance and Mid Year Chair Jamie Kaufman for planning a great event packed with workshops that were both informative and entertaining.
- Kiwanis International President Elect Dr. John Button for an inspiring Keynote address, a copy of which can be found at the top of our District Website at www.ohiokiwanis.org.
- Key Club Governor Natalie Hagy and Circle K Governor Megan Hurley for their informative messages delivered during our Lunch Session.
- Eric Bush, of the Westerville Kiwanis Club, who made sure all our A/V equipment was in place and working for each of the sessions. It doesn't seem to matter what we ask of Eric, he just seems to be able to do it! He is our

personal lifesaver!

- The many Kiwanis members who volunteered to help with Registration and the Kiwanis Store. You don't know how much we appreciate your help with these duties.

We will be announcing the date of the 2015 Mid Year Education Day in the next few weeks. When we do, be sure to put it on your calendar. Rest assured you will receive information that will help your club meet its mission of "Serving the Children of the World".

During the months of May and June, Club Leadership Education workshops will be held at sites throughout the District. Watch our district website for a complete listing of locations and dates. This year the training will once again be geared primarily toward your incoming Club President and a separate training session for Club Secretaries will be held at the District Convention in August. Watch for more details to come!

Once again I want to thank all of you for the great work you are doing in your communities. You are proving that "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time".

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

Ohio Kiwanians Continue to Save lives through Eliminate!

03/07/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: CindyChamper, Dist. Coor.

Ohio Kiwanians continue to strongly support the Eliminate project and save the lives of thousands of women and their unborn children! We welcome Granville as our newest Model club! Recently submitted before that were Model club forms from Williard and Fairfield; we have also added West Alexandria as a Silver Club; and now comes word that Lucasville in Division 9 will become the first Bronze club in that area. Congrats to all! This is significant work and will be intensified with upcoming work in the Congo, Kenya and Haiti.



Also significant for Ohio Kiwanians is that your efforts have saved almost one million lives! That is certainly a number to be proud of and one to share with your Kiwanis club.

Many folks are unaware that the tetanus vaccine has been available for 90 years but it

has been only in recent years that this high death rate has become a global issue. Back in 1987, the World Health Organization declared that maternal and neonatal tetanus death were at a critical level, but no one listened. A few years later, WHO partnered with UNICEF, who has feet on the ground, and developed strategies and fundraising efforts to address this health issue. Of course, the rest is history as they say, when UNICEF came to Kiwanis and asked for our help in saving the lives of 61 million mothers and their unborn children. I am personally honored that I am a member of Kiwanis - an organization that says "YES" to helping save the lives of women and children. We are the only service organization to have taken this step! Thank you again to everyone for all you are doing!

Key Leader: April 25-27, 2014

03/07/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kelly Shaffer



Key Leader is just around the corner. We have been hard at work planning for another outstanding service leadership education event for our teens. All students of high school age are welcome. We know this is a busy time of year for everyone but we want to encourage you, our Kiwanis counterparts to think outside the box when it comes to recruiting students. The best advice we can give is to seek out the less-involved students. They are the ones who will benefit most from what Key Leader has to offer. Mature eighth graders are welcome

in the spring so this is another option for your recruitment efforts.

Even if you don't have the means to offer a full scholarship or have students to attend, you can still contribute to Key Leader. Please consider donating through the Ohio District Foundation. This way, we can optimize funds and offer financial assistance to students who may not have a Kiwanis club in their area. In addition to the sponsoring your own local students, there is a great need for this type of support. If each club in our district provided a gift of \$25, we could combine this money to sponsor at least 35 students. Please consider this option.

Currently, we have several students registered. We have room for 60 more. Help us reach our district goal of 125 students attending Key Leader in 2013-14. If you have questions or need assistance, please email ohiokeyleader@gmail.com.

Successful Newsletters

03/14/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Paul Bohlman

Communications within any organization is an ongoing challenge. Information must be timely, relevant and interesting, and must be presented in a way that resonates with your audience. That means knowing your members – how they gather information and how they process it. Some will prefer in-depth lengthy articles, others will like short snippets. Some prefer lists while others prefer pictures. Some want all of the background information and details while still others want only the pertinent facts. There is no right or wrong mix, because each club's membership will vary.

One of the main ingredients of a successful newsletter is consistency. Your members will appreciate a consistent look so they know where to find things. Every newsletter should include the meeting time and place, officers and other key contact information. They will want to receive their newsletter on a consistent basis, same time each week, so they have the necessary information when they need it. Setting deadlines for submitting

articles is important. Having a committee with an editor-in-charge responsible for the newsletter allows for continuity and minimizes an on-again off-again approach.

A successful newsletter has a blend of information – upcoming events, Division and District activity, recognition of members, educational information and perhaps some humor. Be sure to provide ample lead time when announcing events and activities. An article in this week's newsletter asking for volunteers this weekend will likely be unproductive. That article should have been published 2-3 weeks earlier. This takes some planning and the need for someone to be looking forward at all times so that short deadlines can be avoided. Maintaining a calendar that includes not only the events but registration deadlines is a good way to stay one step ahead.

Members like to see their name in print and most times they will be too shy to submit information on themselves. So be sure to have someone keeping track of the events, milestones and accomplishments of your members. Be sure to include articles about new members so that everyone is aware of who they are and so that the new member feels welcome as well.



Be sure to utilize photos, clip art and plenty of white space. This helps break up the newsletter up and makes it easier to read. It also fills up space, which at times can be helpful. The editor of your newsletter should always be on the lookout for articles and for topics to write about. They should not be afraid to “borrow” material from other club newsletters, the District newsletter or even the Kiwanis magazine or website. Invite Club members to write articles on topics they are vested in and let their enthusiasm for a topic shine through. Maintaining a file of articles and ideas to be used in the future can serve as a helpful source of ideas when normal sources of information are falling short.

Be sure to have two or three people proof read everything before it gets published. Even the most experienced writer makes mistakes that the eyes of another will likely catch. Be sure to check for proper grammar and punctuation, spelling (especially names) and the accuracy of days and dates. This is a great way to keep a member involved who perhaps can't make it to meetings but who otherwise has time on their hands.

How your newsletter is distributed is critical. With today's technology, the U.S. Mail is no longer the only means you can use. Electronic newsletters can be sent free of charge and to an audience way beyond your membership. This is an excellent way to target local officials and business people for membership and general support of events. Make sure one goes to your mayor and to your library. Before sending it out electronically, save it in a pdf format (portable document file) so that those who receive it see it laid out the way you intended it. This gives you the flexibility to develop your newsletter in whatever program you feel most comfortable – Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, etc. Be sure to post your newsletter on your Club's web site and/or Facebook page so that others can have easy access to the information. The pdf format makes this easy to do.

Note: We want to thank Paul Bohlman, Secretary and Newsletter Editor for the Kiwanis Club of Columbus for his thoughts this month. His newsletter is annually voted one of the top club newsletters in the Ohio District.

Your club can easily enter the annual Club Newsletter Contest by simply emailing four consecutive copies to info@ohiokiwani.org. The criteria for judging club newsletters can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Click here](#) to download the 2013-14 Club Newsletter Contest Criteria.

Thanks again to all who submitted their newsletter in 2012-13 and good luck in 2013-14!

Grow and Recruit New Members

03/14/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Laura Brelin



Recruit New Members

Many of us give our all for Kiwanis and each of us gives in the best way that we can. We give money, time, ideas, and we offer our helping hands. We give so much that Kiwanis makes an incredible contribution to our communities and to the world. We spend hours helping in the community without thought of personal gain. Yet, many of us are missing our most important role in Kiwanis – for each of us to take ownership to help develop our clubs in strength and size.

Helping to expand our membership growth is often overlooked and frequently under done. A club that is not continuously adding membership each year becomes less and less effective and reduces its ability to help in the community. A club that stops growing begins a slow death as its members become fewer and older. Growing clubs bring fresh leaders and fresh ideas with their increasing growth. Statistically, they are able to weather through challenges and stay alive.

Simply put, a growing club will do more in the community and will be around for a longer time. A stagnant or declining club will ultimately get so small that it either dies or substantially loses its ability to support its community. Hence, we must spend as much time developing our memberships as we do fund raising and giving.

There are a number of things you can do to keep your club alive and thriving. First, form a membership committee with a chair to lead and delegate tasks. Engage the committee to meet, review current membership challenges, look at how many members are lost in a year as compared to how many are gained, and form a plan to expand. Realize that membership churn is part of a normal process, but develop a plan to exceed gains from those losses. Have the committee think of ways to hold a membership drive. Build a friendly competition around it that will inspire engagement from all of your current members and not just those on the committee.

I once held a contest with my club centered on a baseball theme. Early in the year we announced our goal on how many new members we hoped to recruit and rallied everyone around getting involved.

To kick the event off, the president of our club, president-elect (myself) and our past president went to a local baseball park to take pictures of ourselves holding a variety of baseball-themed props. We wore team jerseys, baseball caps, held a ball in glove, had a bat in hand and simply had fun taking pictures with the ball field in the background. I used these pictures throughout the competition in newsletters and as email reminders. I

encouraged our club to look around the playing field for prospects to join our team: sharing the Kiwanis message, telling of your club experience and asking someone to join you in service. I encouraged them to ask a neighbor, someone in your office who has children or one who enjoys giving back to the community and being active, perhaps a client or a customer who enjoys networking or someone at their local church. I asked them to review their rolodex contacts for names, or someone they enjoy a hobby with (cards, golf, walk, jog, tennis, etc), that they could invite as a guest to one of our meetings. Your natural environment is your first place to target and identify a guest candidate to your club.

Next, the contest called for everyone to take part in helping our team win a "home run." Bringing a guest to lunches and informing them of your club's mission, goals, and service opportunities meant that you swung your bat and began running toward the bases. The same applied for inviting guests to join you in service projects. A home run applied to any new member application being signed and submitted. The crowd cheered at the induction ceremony. All through the year, announcements and newsletters for encouragement and inspiration centered around baseball-themed language. For the next 7 months we pitched this All-American sport topic to inspire driving up membership and by the end of it, we successfully scored 8 home runs or new members. A \$25 gift certificate waited for the individual that sponsored the highest amount of home runs.

Membership recruitment does not have to be mundane, require an expensive budget or be done in an after-hour pretense. It can be fun. It can be inspiring. And it can be done via satellite with frequent communication to offer encouragement and information that keeps the team enthused and informed of your score. You can even invite another club to join in on the fun and make the scoring process a contest between your club and the visiting club's. As a new season of spring begins to emerge, I encourage you to form a committee and plan a membership drive that will knock your hits out of the ball park and score a variety of homeruns enhancing your membership.

Laura Brelin
Member Growth NE

Past Lt. Governor's Association

03/12/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Eric Bush

The Kardinals or the Past Lt. Governor's Association within the Ohio District is open to all members of the Ohio District who have served their divisions as Lt. Governor. Lifetime membership is a small one-time fee.

The annual meeting of the Past Lt. Governor's Association is held at the District Convention, this year it will be on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at 7:00 am.

So, what does the association do? I'm glad you asked. The money raised from dues and the sale of Kardinal pins is returned right back into the Kiwanis Family projects or groups. The association has:

- sponsored holes at The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Golf Outing
- sponsored ads in the Ohio District Circle K programs
- sponsored ads in the Ohio District Key Club programs
- built the website for International Trustee John DeVilbiss's campaign



- made contributions to help with the trustee election costs

The Past Lt. Governor's Association is also the home of Big Bird. You may have seen Big Bird around at Ohio Kiwanis events. This elite group of members within the association help promote the organization in a fun and creative way.

The Past Lt. Governor's Association is encouraging the formation and fostering of Past Lt. Governor's groups in all divisions to help with succession planning, leadership development and continuity. Our belief is that these past leaders can offer great benefits to the Division through their advise and experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Bush
Past Lt. Governor's Association President, 2013-2014

B.U.G. & Terrific Kids Builds Leaders

03/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Faith Cook



Kiwanis Kids include 3 programs that develop leadership skills in students ages 6-12. K-Kids become leaders by helping others. The other 2 programs, Bring Up Grades and Terrific Kids, also help develop young leaders.

Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) helps develop leaders by improving academic achievement. It recognizes students who raise their grades and maintain or continue to raise them from one grading period to the next. Students work with their teacher or mentor and choose one subject they want to raise. Students who help others achieve success are recognized as Super Bugs.

Terrific Kids (T.K.) recognizes students who have achieved the goals they set in character development and/or good citizenship. Each student sets their own goal during a discussion with their teacher or mentor.

By practicing good character and citizenship, students can become young leaders.

At the end of a specified "goal time" students in both programs, who have achieved their goals, are recognized at a special recognition event planned by the sponsoring Kiwanis club, the school, and/or community center. Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs, and community centers with programs for children can also sponsor B.U.G. and Terrific Kids.

By working together and helping students to accomplish their goals, Kiwanis clubs, schools, parents, and/or community centers will encourage these elementary students to develop self-confidence, attain important life goals and leadership skills. This is well worth the commitment of time and money from the Kiwanis Club or community center at no cost to the schools.

Attention Presidents Elect: 2014 CLE Training on the Way!

03/12/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dennis Lehman

Are you the President-elect for your Kiwanis club this year? That means you will begin to serve as your club's President on October 1, 2014. Are you ready to serve? Do you know what's expected of you as Club President? Are you confident and eager? The answer to these questions is found in the 2014 Certified Leadership Education (CLE) sessions offered this May and June in the Ohio District.

Each year Kiwanis International and the Ohio District together provide instruction for Club Presidents-elect to prepare them for their year as President. Written materials are provided free of charge, a power point presentation coincides with the materials, Certified Instructors lead the sessions, and you have the opportunity to interact with other Presidents-elect. This valuable instruction will be available on designated Saturday mornings in May and June.



Various locations will be utilized throughout the District on the Saturdays of May 10, 17, 31 and June 7, 14, 21, and 28. Each CLE session will run from 8:30AM until 12:30PM. The materials will be provided by KI and the Ohio District and the host Division/Divisions will provide refreshments. You may attend any of these CLE sessions as they will all present the same information valuable to Club Presidents. Not only will this instruction be helpful to you in your club Presidency, but attendance is a requirement for "Distinguished" status for your club. If you cannot attend any of these Ohio District sessions, the same CLE instruction will be available on-line at Kiwanisone.org and will fulfill your attendance requirement for "Distinguished" status for 2014-15.

The 2014 CLE schedule is being developed now and will be listed on the Ohio Kiwanis District web site when it is completed. Your Division Lt. Governor and Lt. Governor-elect will also have the schedule information when it is completed. So, check your calendar and make a firm decision to attend CLE this year and you will be off to a great start for 2014-15 as Club President!

Dr. Dennis E. Lehman
Ohio District Master Instructor

March is National Nutrition Month

03/17/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer Lewis



(*Note: Healthy Food Drive deadline is extended until April 30. Details below.)

"Enjoy the Taste of Eating Right" is the theme for March 2014 National Nutrition Month. "Consumer research confirms that taste tops nutrition as the main reason why one food is purchased over another. While social, emotional and health factors also play a role, the foods people enjoy are likely the ones they eat most." Our challenge is how to combine taste and nutrition to create healthy meals that follow the Dietary Guidelines recommendations. Over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled and today, nearly 1 in 3 children in America are overweight or obese. Your Kiwanis club can help improve the health of our youth by leading by example and then working with schools, communities and recreational facilities to

institute and support programs to improve the health of children and community members (refer to handbook and suggestions below). This March, members are encouraged to pay attention to your dining choices, give importance to making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. We can share these decisions in our meeting and convention planning, and our service projects and food bank donations.

We were pleased with the great turnout at the Healthy Kiwanian sessions at Midyear. We invited guest speaker Shari Gallup, MS from the Ohio State University who spoke about "Nutrition for the Body – How your club Can Promote the Value of Nutrition." A community outreach educator of nutrition, she gives lectures on "Dining with Diabetes" and nutrition. Consider inviting a nutrition speaker to your club this month and invite your Key Club or influence a tasty healthy option during your meal. Please share with us any of your club's healthy Kiwanis projects. There is a form at the back of your Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities booklet (pdf downloadable at www.OhioKiwanis.org). Each contributing club will be recognized and receive a banner patch. Any Builder's Club, Key Club, Circle K or Aktion Club is also eligible.

It is not too late! The Governor's District-wide Healthy Food Drive service project has been extended until April 30th! Clubs and members who still want to participate in the Ohio District Kiwanis Healthy Food Drive can send monetary donations to the District Office until April 30. Please write your checks to the "SE Ohio Food Bank" (501c3) and mail to Sarah Roush, Ohio District Kiwanis office, 6161 Busch Blvd, Suite 220, Columbus, OH 43229 so your club and division get credit. Each participating club (and SLP!) will receive a banner patch and the division(s) with the highest participation will be recognized at the District Convention.

Thank you to the many clubs who thus far contributed to the Healthy Food Drive at MidYear. Thus far we have collected \$1607 and over 3.5 pallets of very healthy, non-parishable food items and baby items for the SE Ohio Food Bank. There are many food banks in Ohio and we encourage each club to serve their local food banks. We aim in this food drive to unite as Ohio Kiwanians and serve the Ohio areas in greatest need. The SE Ohio Food Bank serves three(*) of the six counties in Ohio with highest Ohio Child Food Insecurity Rates (>30%) according to data from Feeding America. The six counties in greatest need are Adams, Jackson*, Meigs*, Pike, Scioto and Vinton*. Of the students in these counties, 68% of these children are eligible for federal nutrition programs, including free or reduced-price school lunches, school breakfast and summer food programs as well as the WIC and SNAP programs. Thus, 32% of these children remain ineligible for federal nutrition programs. For additional data, please visit www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap. I encourage you to visit the map and see what the rates are for your county – you may be surprised. (Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity. Ohio was one of the 10 states above the national average for food insecurity from 2000 to 2012.)

Congratulations to Vicki Kepner who won the 50/50 drawing supporting the SE Ohio Food Bank service project. She donated her winnings to the Eliminate Project! Congratulations to Chris Walter of Bellevue and Bob Buescher of Dayton who won Healthy Fruit Baskets at Midyear.

Youth-related Service Projects to consider for March:

1. In honor of National Nutrition Month, pass out educational material at your next community service activity, Pancake Breakfast or meeting. Many colorful, updated nutritional guides targeting families and children are available for free to download at ChooseMyPlate.gov
2. Host a youth wellness event. ActiveFit.org is a program with incentives that motivate youth to get active and stay fit by eating healthy foods. Host an activity

and the youth record their progress. Consider hosting a fun bike ride or sponsoring a youth scholarship to attend a summer program.

3. Host a nutritionist, dietician or wellness coach to speak to your club or SLP. Focus on healthy choices when eating out. Your county health department, hospital, clinic or university has resources. Some companies host "No excuses: In Office Boot Camp" to encourage employee exercise and lower insurance.
4. "Coin War" Youth fundraiser. With your SLP, host a coin war at your local school to raise funds for a healthy service project. Challenge different classes or boys vs. girls to compete. Paper and copper coins are positive points and silver is negative. Put money in either side's jars. Raise money, have fun and everyone wins!
5. Host a cooking class with you SLP. Learn together to make healthy soups (e.g. chicken vegetable and vegetarian potato cheese soup) or dinners that are both tasty and healthy. Discuss growing a garden and using spices in place of sugar or salt for taste. Some clubs host a "Fill my bowl" fundraiser to address childhood hunger and serve homemade soup and salad and auction homemade bowls.
6. "Turn Your Screen Off" week of healthy activities for youth and their families. Work with your local public library, recreation center and/or parks and recreation district to host activities such as a Learn to Fish event where fishing poles are provided, a leisurely bike outing on a bike trail, family lecture about nature, Ohio history or star gazing, a family game night, guided evening hike, photography class and walk-about, bird watching, a community yard sale and recreational equipment swap. Involve your entire community resources and focus on community activities for all ages.
7. Host a 5K such as "Get Off Your Can 5K to End Hunger" or get ready for Mother's Day and host a "Miles for Moms" fundraiser for Eliminate (May 10, www.beldenvillagekiwanis.org). Encourage youth and families to participate in the planning and the event. Co-sponsor the 5K with your SLP. Work with your local running store to reduce the work load and gain their experience and marketing. You can raise \$500+ and get fit in the process.
8. March Madness Fundraiser. NCAA Basketball Tournament Bracket with winner getting half of the collection and fundraiser the other half. \$5 x 64 teams = \$320. \$5 per team entry and you can enter as many as you want. You can also exceed 64 teams to earn more money.
9. Skip-A-Meal fundraiser to support kids. The Kiwanis International Foundation fundraiser starts in April, however your club could make this a regular activity. Host a youth service project on the day you skip-a-meal such as serving dinner or doing yard work at a teen center.

Jennifer Lewis
2013-14 District Chair
Youth Services

Club News

Dodgeball Tournament for Pennies for Patients

03/14/2014 - Club: Bellevue - Submitted by: Joan Cmar

On March 8, 2014, the Bellevue Key Club sponsored a dodgeball tournament. All proceeds went to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through Pennies for Patients. Six dodgeball teams with six people each came to support this cause. The Bellevue Key Club

raised over \$400 to donate which was a hundred dollars over the prospective goal.



Food Drive

03/14/2014 - Club: Bellevue - Submitted by: Joan Cmar



On the week of March 17 to March 21, the Bellevue School District will be starting their food can drive for Fish and Loaves, a local food pantry. Members of the Bellevue Key Club will be running this food drive for the Bellevue High School. There will be a competition between freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and teachers to see which class can collect the most cans. The winners will receive a class donut party. If students or faculty donate on St. Patrick's Day they will receive green apple sucker.

Kiwanis Family Dinner for Hospice Patients

03/13/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Family joined together to serve a Valentine Day dinner to the patients and family members at the Ames Hospice for the Western Reserve in Westlake Ohio. The Westlake Kiwanis, Key Club, Builders Club, Aktion Club and K-Kids all took part. The Kiwanis provided the food and served the meals along with members of the Key Club. The Builders Club made place mats and center pieces for the tables. The Aktion Club made Valentine Cards for the patients and the K-Kids made a collage for display in the dining room. Several Westlake Kiwanis members who owned restaurants prepared different courses which they donated for the meal and the Aktion and Key Clubs also donated money to purchase desserts and drinks for the dinner. The patients and family have a very nice Valentine Day.



Aktion Club serves at West Park Spaghetti Dinner

03/13/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club volunteered at the West Park Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner on February 15th. The Aktion Club members made salads, served food and drinks, bussed tables, sold raffle tickets and even helped with cooking the spaghetti. Shown above is Aktion Club member Betty Menzing straining the spaghetti.



Children Have An iDentity

03/12/2014 - Club: Jackson Area - Submitted by: Marolyn Ruston

The Jackson Area Kiwanis Club has started back in on this Project. I have presented the Children Have an iDentity stickers and monkeys to the hospital Emergency Room, 2

Pediatricians, EMS, and to a Day Care Center. These stickers go on car seats with necessary information-name, address, parents, medical history-so that if a parent is not present in the event and accident occurs this information will be present to the EMS personnel and also can be given to the hospitals from these stickers. Chad is the name of a little boy that the EMS had no information on at all. This has been a very successful continuing project in other Kiwanis clubs also. The doctors can give these to newborn babies as the parents bring them in for their check-ups. The same for the hospital in the event a small child is brought into the emergency room. Young Children Priority One (0-5) is one of the biggest projects in Kiwanis.



Aktion Club of Allen County Celebrates Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

03/11/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day



The Aktion Club of Allen County celebrated Developmental Disability Awareness Month by conducting the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Lima on March 11, 2014. Members of the clubs periodically attend each others meetings, have a joint service project at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, and support each others fundraisers and service projects on a regular basis. Both clubs were distinguished clubs for the previous administrative year.

Key Club of New Albany

03/11/2014 - Club: New Albany - Submitted by: Deborah Moore

The Kiwanis Club of New Albany is pleased to announce that the charter petition has been submitted to Key Club International for the formation of the New Albany High School Key Club.

Kiwanis Clubs sponsor Student Leadership Groups hoping to help shape the next generation of leaders...while helping teams build stronger communities through service. Kiwanis Club sponsors, President Sarah Pace and Fred Yun of the Kiwanis Club of New Albany have been working with interested students to begin the club. NA High School advisor, Linda Rossoll, and Key Club President, Kevin Wu, have worked diligently to spread the message of Kiwanis and Key Club. They were successful in getting twenty students to join as Charter Members.

The Key Club is planning service projects and fund-raising activities to hold in the near future. The Key Club and the NA Kiwanis Club will work together to provide service to the children of the New Albany area. A charter party will be scheduled later this spring to celebrate the new Key Club.

K-Kids of Independence Elementary Sell CandyGrams Valentines as a Fundraiser

03/07/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day



The K-Kids of Independence Elementary School in Lima sold CandyGram Valentines as a fundraiser. The cost was 25 cents each and \$200.00 was raised. The benefactors will be \$50 each to Project Eliminate, Salvation Army, St. Jude's Hospital and The Humane Society of Allen County as a virtual dog was adopted.

K-Kids of Heritage Have a Fundraiser for Project Eliminate

03/07/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

The K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School in Lima had a fundraiser for Project Eliminate in February. The UNICEF Halloween boxes were recycled and placed in each homeroom. The winning homeroom was promised a pizza party. \$255.00 was collected with the winner collecting \$118.00.



Builders Club of North Middle School has Fundraiser for Heart Awareness Month

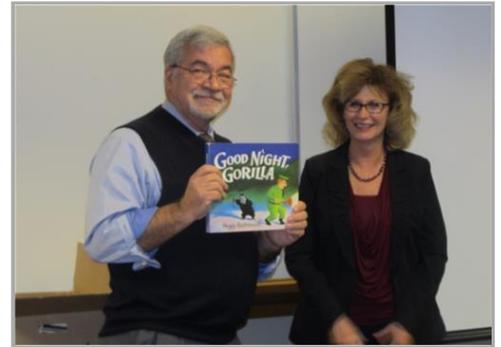
03/06/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

 Congratulations to the Builders Club of North Middle School as the club had a successful fundraiser for Heart Awareness Month. \$230.00 was collected for two heart related charities, the Kirk Urso Memorial and the American Heart Association. Finally, there was a dodge ball game between the teachers and students who supported the fundraiser with at least a \$3.00 donation.

Dayton Noon Project Nets 453 Books for Babies

03/06/2014 - Club: Dayton - Submitted by: Bob Buescher

Chuck Sousa presents one of the 453 board books donated by members of the Dayton Noon club to Pam Albers, executive director of Help Me Grow/Brighter Futures. Brighter Futures nurses distribute the books as a tool for encouraging early reading during their regular home visits with low-income, first time mothers. The 453 books was a record number for the club project, now in its fifth year.



Cinderella's Closet Benefits High School Age Girls

03/05/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day



The Kiwanis Club of Lima had its fourth annual Cinderella's Closet service project benefiting high school age girls with a free, recently cleaned prom dress free of charge. More than 40 girls found a dress. The last girl to find her dress was taking care of her siblings after their mother passed away and the step-father was not supportive of her mother's children. A woman, who found the club through Facebook, asked if it was too late to select a dress. She is also the mother of the boy who is escorting her to the prom and was looking out for her due to the situation at home. The club president, Candy Newland, the girl spent two hours on a Saturday looking at dresses. One was selected. However, it needed altering so Candy made

arrangements with a friend who is a seamstress to do this. Candy and her friend shared the cost. A humorous aspect of the story was that Candy and the girl were nearly locked in the basement of First Federal bank where the dresses are stored. Bank personal forgot they were in the basement when it was time to close up. To top off this feel good story was that Denny Elwer of the Kiwanis Club of Delphos was at the meeting when the story was told. He promised that The Ohio State Beauty Academy, a division of his employer, the University of Northwest Ohio, would fix the girl's hair, etc. free of charge. Many thanks to Duffey's Cleaners for cleaning the dresses free of charge.