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District Governor's Notes

05/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

Kiwanis International has designated May as membership month. Although many of our clubs in the Ohio District are working very hard on membership, other Kiwanis clubs need to place additional emphasis on membership. To coincide with the special emphasis from Kiwanis International, the Ohio District Chairs for membership have established a membership contest for the Ohio District for the months of May and June. The information, rules, and prizes for the membership contest are in District Secretary, Dave Whiteman's column. Six clubs will win prizes.



Did you know that it is possible for your club to have the Kiwanis International dues refunded for new members? If your club achieves new growth equal to or greater than 25 percent, you are eligible. This is especially good for smaller clubs or clubs under charter strength. The official wording from the Kiwanis International Bylaws is as follows:

Article XXII Revenue Section 4. If a club achieves a net growth greater than or equal to 25 percent at the end of a given Kiwanis year, the club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay International dues for any club member over and above the club membership of the previous Kiwanis year. The financial obligations to said member's local club and district, the subscription for official publications, and the premium payable to defray the cost of insurance prescribed in these bylaws shall remain payable.

This is the time of the year when all Kiwanis Clubs should be having their annual meeting and electing their officers for the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year. Make sure your club does "succession planning" and elects officers for next year. After electing your officers, make sure the Club Secretary logs into the Kiwanis International website and enters the new club officers. If you have any problems entering the new officers, please contact Kiwanis International or the District Office.

Summer is fast approaching and soon it will be time for the Ohio District Golf Tournament. Be sure to register your teams for the golf outing.

Also, very soon, we will be publishing information concerning the Ohio District Convention. A very exciting convention is being planned in Toledo on August 12-14, 2011. Start making plans to attend the convention. In addition to normal convention activities, a special reception for Alan & Jeri Penn and a District service project is being planned.

District Secretary's Report

05/12/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

Normally my column is dedicated to informing Kiwanis Club members of various items pertaining to reports, deadlines, and other items of interest. May of 2011 has been designated as membership month by the leaders of Kiwanis International. It is only fitting that this space is being used to promote increasing membership in our Ohio clubs. I don't know of a single club who cannot use more members providing more hands for serving the children and communities in the Ohio District.



The Ohio District has made great strides in regaining those members lost in September and October of 2010. You can help us get our district membership back to a positive number for the 2010-11 Administrative Year. Governor John DeVilbiss and the District Membership Growth Team recently announced a contest taking place that can help you send a club member to our District Convention. The following message was emailed earlier this month to all Club Presidents and Secretaries:

Membership Contest

The Ohio District has a new membership contest during the months of May and June. During these two months, win a free registration and tickets to our Saturday meal events at the 2011 Ohio District Convention for your club.

There will be six (6) winners of registration, Saturday lunch, and the Governor's banquet as follows:

- The club that has the greatest net increase in the number of members in their club during the months of May and June.
- The club that has the second greatest net increase in the number of members in their club during the months of May and June.
- The club that has the greatest percentage net increase in the number of members in their club during the months of May and June.
- The club that has the second greatest percentage net increase in the number of members in their club during the months of May and June.
- A random drawing of those clubs that were "Plus" in membership at 4/30/11. (2 different clubs)

Every club needs to get new members in their club in order to qualify for the awards. Now is the time to increase members and win!!

Ohio Kiwanis Foundation Provides Grants for Club Service Projects

05/13/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jean Forbes

June 30, 2011 is the next deadline for submission of applications for grants from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Applications are available at www.odkf.org. Grants are available for both general community projects and pediatric trauma projects.

Pediatric safe transport is the focus of Governor John and First Lady Wanda as they seek to ensure all children are safe in emergency transport situations. Pediatric Trauma Funds will be available for this and other projects that prevent or treat injuries to children.

Those submitting applications should give careful attention to the guidelines published by the Foundation and provide all requested information.

Jean Forbes, Secretary of the Foundation, is available to answer any questions. Contact her at secretary@odkf.org or 330-345-5316.



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

04/18/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Flinta



The 2011 Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing will be held on July 20 and 21, 2011 at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course located at 5055 Hills & Dales Road NW, Canton, OH. The facility is easily accessible from

I-77. As a result of the event's affiliation with the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation a portion of each registration (if paid individually) and all sponsorships will be tax deductible and the event's net proceeds will be available to help support Foundation projects.

This event is open to the entire K-Family and all friends of Kiwanis. This will be a scramble format event and there will be many team prizes as well as individual skill prizes. The price of this year's event is \$80.00 and includes lunch, golf, cart, prizes, and a great dinner. Sponsorships are available again this year to help defray the cost of the event. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at www.OhioKiwanisGolf.com, or via the link on the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation website (www.ODKF.org).

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. 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.

April Growth Report

05/12/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: District Growth Committee

Eighty-three (83) clubs are now a member of the leaders that have met the goal of having a "Plus" in membership as of the end of April. This means that they have had a net gain of at least one member in their Kiwanis Club. Many clubs have exceeded the goal.



May is Kiwanis International membership month. We need all clubs to work on membership in May. Let's all "Light The Fire" in membership and be a "Plus" club.

[Click here](#) to review the membership leaders as of April 30, 2011.

Ohio District Membership Growth Team

Can Circle K Help Your Club Develop a Website?

05/11/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Andrew DeFratis, Ohio District Circle K Governor

There was a time, and I'm sure more Kiwanians remember it than I do, when simply having a website was something to brag about, something that put you a notch above the rest. As a college student that grew up in the internet age, I'm afraid I must inform you that ship has sailed.

In 2011, if someone wants to learn about something, they Google it. And if nothing comes up, it might as well not exist. (God forbid if you don't have a Wikipedia page!) Well rest assured, Kiwanis has a respectable Wikipedia article, and a fair search result



presence. But as a new Governor, I went out to learn about some Kiwanis clubs - and I learned fairly quickly that not many individual Kiwanis Clubs have a website; in fact the Ohio District Kiwanis website only links to 99 out of about 349 clubs, and many of those links don't work.

Getting a website is just the first hurdle: have one, and you break even. To really take advantage of having an internet presence, your website should be cool and interesting. A good website is one that is appealing to look at, contains a lot of information (organized in a way that people see what they need to know without trying, and can easily find further details or less commonly accessed resources if they desire), and keeps people coming back for more! This means you have to keep it updated.

Don't get me wrong, many clubs have done a pretty good job. The Kiwanis Club of Columbus has an

outstanding and up to date listing of their past newsletters going back to 2007, and makes excellent use of linking to a very professional introductory video. (<http://columbuskiwanis.org/newsletter.php?cat=1&type=newsdocs>) Northridge Kiwanis (Dayton) has an awesome array of pictures from their many events - the more I look the more I find! (<http://sites.google.com/site/northridgekiwanisdayton/>)

Others have clearly not been updated in years; many are missing contact information, and most lack a calendar of upcoming events.

If you do not have anyone in your club with the time or know-how to set up a website, I recommend asking your local Circle K club to see if anyone is interested in helping. Perhaps you could offer an internship opportunity to act as your webmaster – they can get college credit, and you don't have to hire anyone. In this matter, I view the K-family just like a real family – it's just like the stereotypical college age grandkids you see in the commercials showing their elders how to check their Facebook and Twitter.

Andrew DeFratis
Ohio District Governor
Circle K International

District Convention Update

05/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

In Toledo, we will celebrate the election of Alan Penn of Medina to the President of Kiwanis International. Alan will be elected the 5th Kiwanis International President from Ohio at the International Convention in July. The celebration will be held on Friday, August 12, starting at 7:30 pm with presentations by several important people in Alan's life. There will also be time for us to congratulate Alan and Jeri in a reception to follow the presentations. To encourage attendees to the celebration-there will be no cost to attend. Kiwanians and friends are invited to this unique and special celebration.

Also Friday night, we'll "Meet the Candidates" who will be running for election at the Saturday delegate session. To close out the evening, we'll have a **Sock Hop**. A DJ will be playing tunes for dancing. This will be a time to socialize while relaxing. **All SLP alumni are invited to the Sock Hop to meet their friends and to make new ones.**



As part of the convention-we will be collecting socks for Hannah's Socks! Socks are to be collected from now until the convention-any kind of new socks. Both Kiwanians and SLP members, are asked to donate socks. Sock drives can also be held in Ohio communities. The socks are to be brought to Toledo to be presented to Hannah by International President Alan Penn, Governor John Devilbiss and the convention attendees. Hannah's Socks is a Toledo based charity organization started five years ago. When 4 year old Hannah saw a sockless homeless man, she asked her mother if she could give her socks to him. Hannah's Socks grew out of this simple beginning. All socks collected by Hannah's Socks are given to people who need them. Service Project Chair Dave Schlaudecker has set a goal of donating 50,000 pair of socks to Hannah's Socks at the District Convention. Please participate in the project by donating socks.

On Thursday night, August 11, we will be going to the Toledo Mudhens baseball game. Fifth Third Field is located adjacent to the Park Inn Hotel with a start time of 7 pm. Tickets are available through the district office on a first come basis. Tickets must be reserved with payment by July 1st.

Exhibit tables will be available for companies, non-profit organizations and Kiwanis groups to use. The set up will start at 5 pm on Friday. The tables are to be ready to go by 8:30 Saturday morning. They will be set up in the entry to the Seagate Convention Center, in the area near the door to the Park Inn. There is a plenty of room for exhibit tables which we hope to fill. Don Overmyer is the chair of the Exhibit tables and will be handling all of the table requests. To request an exhibit table, fill out a form which is available on the Ohio District website.

Toledo is a great city with many activities for family members. The Toledo Zoo, the Glass Pavilion at the Toledo Museum, the Imagination Station, area shopping, local restaurants, the Toledo Botanical Gardens, etc. are nearby.

The 94th Annual Ohio District Convention will be held August 12-14, 2011 at the Park

Inn Hotel and the adjacent Seagate Convention Center in downtown Toledo. Information will be available on the District website (www.ohiokiwanis.org). Please make plans now to be in Toledo in August for the convention.

I hope to see YOU there!

Certified Leadership Education

05/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dennis Lehman



Once again CLE (Certified Leadership Education) is starting for the 2011-12 Kiwanis year. CLE is primarily for the club Presidents-elect and club Secretaries to prepare them for the 2011-12 year when they will lead their respective clubs. While CLE is aimed at the aforementioned officers, any club leader can attend the sessions of training. Attendance of the Presidents-elect and Secretaries is also a requirement to fulfill the criteria for Distinguished Club status.

Each session of CLE is scheduled for a Division/Divisions by the Lt. Governor-elect of each Division. However, if you can't attend your Division CLE on the date it's scheduled you can attend any other session throughout the District. Contact your Lt. Governor-elect or current Lt. Governor to find the date for your Division CLE.

All the CLE sessions are scheduled each Saturday from May 21, 2011 through June 25, 2011. Each session will have two Certified Instructors present and written materials from Kiwanis International and the Ohio District. The sessions will be scheduled for registration at 8:00am with the instruction starting at 8:30am and ending at 12:30pm. The CLE presentation and slides are new and different this year so we look forward to seeing you at one of the CLE sessions. To view the 2011 CLE schedule click on the link below and make plans now to attend.

[Click here](#) to view a PDF copy of the 2011 Club Leadership Education Schedule.

Dr. Dennis E. Lehman

May – Kiwanis Membership Month

05/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Katie Rennard

Every member can make an impact by inviting just one person to join!

Ask your self this question. How did YOU first attend a Kiwanis meeting? For most of us the answer is, "Someone I know invited me to attend." It is time for Kiwanians to **SHOW OUR ASK** and invite a colleague, friend or relative to a service project or a meeting.

Encourage your club and it's members to roll out the welcome mat and provide a wonderful first-timers experience to guests who attend. I can still remember the first meeting I attended in 1991 and because of the friendliness of the group, I was very interested in getting involved. Think back to a project or activity that you remember as meaningful to your Kiwanis experience and tell that story to the friends you invite.



Visit www.kiwanisone.org for other good ideas like the one listed below.

Make service projects, socials and meetings fun. Who says meetings can't serve a dual purpose? Combine a regular meeting with a service project to show potential members what your club is doing to make a difference in your community. This doesn't have to be a large scale service project, it can be as simple as making care packages for a local children's hospital or collecting school supplies for underprivileged children.

As I have visited NE Ohio Divisions this year to talk about membership, I have heard about so many wonderful service projects and so many dedicated members who are

doing the great work in our communities, I am convinced that we have a message to share and a passion for service that will draw new members if we just SHOW OUR ASK!

Ohio Aktion Keeps Moving Strong!

05/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sande Johnson



Ohio Aktion Convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 27 & 28, 2011. Registration & contest forms are on-line at: www.OhioAktion.org Please be aware that this year's deadlines are earlier than they have been in the past. This year's theme will be "Leadership".

If your club or division sponsors Aktion Clubs, please be sure to check with your Aktion Club and find out what help they might need to attend. Among other items on the convention agenda are Officer Training, District

Council Elections and Annual Contest and Service Award Presentations.

Crawford County Aktion Club held a Baby Shower benefitting the local "Help Me Grow" organization on Thursday, May 5, 2011. Great job!

Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club volunteered at the Emily's Rainbow Run ~ Sunday, April 10, 2011 (attached photo)

Club News

Gahanna Lincoln High School Key Club Appreciation Dinner

05/15/2011 - Club: Gahanna - Submitted by: Frank Walker

At the weekly meeting of the Gahanna Kiwanis Club on May 2nd, members of the Gahanna Lincoln Key Club prepared and cooked an appreciation dinner for the members of the Gahanna Kiwanis Club. After dinner the Key Club Members presented a power point presentation on the community service activities of their club and their recent attendance at the District Key Club Convention and the fall rally. For more information on the GLHS Key club and the Gahanna Kiwanis Club go to www.gahannakiwanis.org



Aktion Club in Action at Emily's Run

05/15/2011 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Vic Rutkoski



The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club manned the food and water tables at the 2nd Annual Emily's Rainbow Run for Pediatric Cancer Research at Rainbow Babies and Childrens Hospital. The run was in memory of Emily Lewis who passed away from Pediatric Cancer. The club handed out oranges, bananas and water to the more than 800 runners and walkers who participated in the run.

Pancakes for Westlake

05/15/2011 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Vic Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis held their spring pancake breakfast with the 2nd Annual Emily's Rainbow Run for Pediatric Cancer. A major portion of the funds from the breakfast went toward the Emily's Rainbow Run which raised \$30,000 for Pediatric Cancer Research at Rainbow Babies Hospital. Many of the more than 800 runners and walkers attended the

breakfast after the run.



Kirtland Kiwanis 51st Annual Strawberry Festival

05/14/2011 - Club: Kirtland - Submitted by: Bill Pastor

The Kiwanis Club of Kirtland will be holding its 51st annual Strawberry Festival on the campus of Kirtland High School beginning Thursday evening, June 16 through Sunday, June 19. The Kiwanis Food booth located next to the entertainment stage, will continuously feature Strawberry Shortcake, Sundaes and Chocolate Covered Strawberries. On Friday June 17 at 6:00 PM, Rt 306 through Kirtland will be closed for the festival parade.

The festival is the club's major fund raiser and includes carnival rides, food, and games and entertainment on Stage including the annual Miss Kirtland Contest, Saturday June 18, at 6:00 pm, with Governor John DeVilbiss and First Lady Wanda serving as judges. Strawberry Festival Admission is FREE. For more information call John Bodmer at (440) 256-1181.

Lakewood Scholarship Foundation Selects 2011 Scholarship Winners

05/14/2011 - Club: Lakewood - Submitted by: John Hueter

The Lakewood Scholarship Foundation has added five more scholarship winners to its long list dating back to 1954. Since its beginning over \$1,500,000 in scholarships have been granted to Lakewood high school seniors. This year we are pleased to announce scholarships to Megan Marcinick, Kaitlyn Eberl, Kevin Ritter, Kathryn Burke and Grace Smith. Among the criteria for eligibility includes residence in the City of Lakewood by each applicant. There are several high schools in the Lakewood and surrounding communities from which they may be graduating.

Selecting the winners is always a challenge for the Scholarship Foundation's Board of Trustees which ends with personal interviews of each of the finalists by the Board.

Each scholarship award is valued at \$10,000 over four years. Proof of collage grades must be forwarded to the Board for continuing scholarship eligibility.

Each year, during the week between Christmas and New Year's, we ask our scholarship winners to return to our Tuesday luncheon meeting to let our members hear of their college experiences and challenges.

John Huetter



New Madison Kiwanis Entering Busy Schedule

05/13/2011 - Club: New Madison - Submitted by: Kenny Baker

The 2010-2011 school year coming to a close, in a few weeks, signals the busy season ahead for the Kiwanis Club of New Madison. The club will be presenting five Tri-Village seniors with an \$800.00 scholarship to help with their college education. Additionally, the club will present one \$750.00 second year scholarship to one of the five students that received a scholarship last year.

The next event of our summer schedule will be our 23rd annual Darke County Home Picnic to be held June 11th. For the past 22 years the club has roasted a pig and a round



of beef with the balance of the meal being prepared and served by the County Home kitchen staff. The approximately 54 County Home residents are joined by approximately 200 relatives, local senior citizen guests and the County home staff for an evening of entertainment, fellowship and good food.

For this 23rd annual picnic the club will utilize their Sausage Barn, instead of the traditional pig and beef.

The main ingredient of this year's meal will be the New Madison Kiwanis "famous" Sausage Sandwiches, Hot Dogs and water melon to be served along with their meal. As always, the kitchen staff will prepare and serve the balance of the meal.

The residents are always anxious and ready for the Kiwanis equipment to arrive for their big day. To prepare for the picnic, the residents make posters that are displayed on the walls of the kitchen area of the County Home. They also join in by visiting the Kiwanis members as they cook the meat. They take their turn in the preparations by helping with carrying tables and chairs to set up outdoors.

When the meal is over and the Home is returned to its normal state, the residents begin counting the days until the Great Darke County Fair. The Kiwanis Club gives each resident a coupon for a Sausage Sandwich and a drink that they enjoy while they attend the fair. After the fair, the cycle starts all over again when the residents begin counting the days until next year's picnic.

Clean-up and Build Up

05/13/2011 - Club: Delaware County - Submitted by: Tim Adams

The Delaware Aktion Club really understands what it means to serve the community. They invited the Delaware Noon Kiwanis Club to join them to clean-up a local park on Mentum May 9th at 5pm. The weather was beautiful and we had a chance to met some local children and caregivers while we were there. By meeting together and helping the community, we also built up one another in our clubs with honor and fellowship!



Olmsted Falls Kiwanis Relay For Life

05/12/2011 - Club: Olmsted Falls - Submitted by: Dennis Mozser

On June 11 & 12 the Olmsted Falls Kiwanis Club will join with the American Cancer Society in both sponsoring and taking part in the annual Relay For Life. We will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers and french fries from our club trailer and donating all the proceeds to the relay.

Last year the Relay netted more than a \$100,000.00 for cancer research and programs, and this year we hope to do better. We also take turns walking the track, having a booth to promote Kiwanis and sell various and sundry items to raise proceeds for Cancer and awareness of Kiwanis. We also plan on spending the night with the young people and should have a ball. Its a great time for all and if you are in the neighborhood stop by and say hello. Look forward to sseeing you and a big success.

Delaware Aktion Club Spring Bowl-a-thon

04/23/2011 - Club: Delaware County - Submitted by: Tim Adams

More than money was rasied for the local food bank, People in Need, Inc. (PIN) on Saturday, April 23, 2011! Support, hope, fun and friendships were built and strengthened between the Kiwanis Aktion Club and the Noon and Evening Delaware Kiwanis Clubs when the Aktion Club hosted a Spring Bowl-a-thon. There was some stiff competition as some of the Aktion Clubbers were also bowlers on a Special Olympic team. However, the competiton took a back seat to fun, fellowship and some great pizza, and soft drinks after the bowling.



