

# BUCKEYE BULLETIN

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## District Governor's Report

*05/30/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace*

How are you all doing? I hope each of you is doing well. The Kiwanis year is over half over and a busy summer is ahead for the Ohio District! **We continue to Reach Out to others In Fellowship, In Service and In Healing!** Keep up the great work.

May is Membership Month. The Ohio District can ALWAYS use more members. I have not found a Kiwanis club yet which has all of the members it wants with no room for more. And you have been busy inviting new members to join your clubs. It all comes down to the 'ask'- such as "Do you want to join Kiwanis?" or something similar is the key question. Don't hesitate to ask someone to join Kiwanis-and the sooner the better. Each new Kiwanian can help serve others in your community.



The Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia on June 26-29. This convention is where the business of Kiwanis takes place including electing the officers and directors of Kiwanis International. In addition, the convention is where thousands of Kiwanians from all over the world have a chance to meet and talk about Kiwanis activities. Attendees will learn that Kiwanis service is universal as are community issues and needs. Educational forums allow for learning as well as interaction about specific club ideas. A walk for the Eliminate Project will allow for fund raising as well as for drawing attention to this major emphasis program of Kiwanis. The Ohio District will host a **no cost** reception on Thursday, June 27 at 5:30 in the Sheraton Wall Centre hotel. The district caucus will be Friday morning at 8:30 am at the same place as the reception. Lee Ann and I hope to see you in Vancouver!

This is also the time to prepare for next year by attending CLE (Club Leadership Education) training held throughout the district. All club president elects are to attend a training session. Also, for this year only, the CURRENT club presidents can attend the training and receive credit for the Distinguished Club criteria. The current presidents must attend in person in the months of May or June.

The District Golf Outing, which benefits the Ohio District Foundation, will be held on July 17-18 at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Club in Canton. All Kiwanians and their guests are

welcome to come and play in the outing. There will be a dinner each evening and you are welcome to attend even if you don't play golf.

And, to round out the summer, the Ohio District Convention will be held in Lima on August 9-11. Please plan to attend this convention which is the annual meeting of the Ohio District. There will be times of fellowship, service, education, voting, eating, entertainment, meeting new people, and just good fun. Details about the convention, including registration information, will be sent out in early June. Make plans to attend!

You are doing a great job for Kiwanis-Keep it up and let's have a great summer!

**REACH OUT IN FELLOWSHIP, IN SERVICE AND IN HEALING!**

Craig Wallace  
Governor 2012-2013

## **District Secretary's Notes**

*05/23/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman*



As you receive this newsletter, the Kiwanis Year is nearly 2/3 over. Has your club met or exceeded some of the goals set by your club leadership prior to the start of the year? From looking at the Monthly Reports posted online, it is obvious that much good work is being done by Kiwanis Clubs throughout the Ohio District. It is also obvious that membership growth is a major commitment for many clubs. The number of member adds reaching my desk each day far outweighs the number of member deletes. As of April 30th, the Ohio District has increased by 48 members over our membership count on September 30, 2012.

### **Annual Club Elections**

During the month of May, all Kiwanis clubs should be holding club elections to guarantee that the future of the club remains bright. In 2012, only 1/3 of our Ohio District Clubs filed an official Club Election Report with Kiwanis International. What effect did that have? If you look at the 2012-13 Kiwanis International Directory, over 2/3 of the clubs in Ohio had no contact information listed for either Club President or Club Secretary. Please make sure this does not happen in 2013. Remind your club secretary to file the Club Election Report online or click on the link below to download a hard copy to be completed and mailed to Kiwanis International or the Ohio District as soon as possible. The deadline for filing is June 1st, but they will be accepted after that date as well.

[Click here](#) to download a PDF copy of the 2013-14 Club Officer Election Report.

### **International Convention**

Time is growing short until we leave for Vancouver and the 2013 Kiwanis International Convention. Registration is closed online, but you can still register on-site and represent your club as a delegate. We will be electing International Officers and considering amendments to the International Bylaws that will affect every Kiwanis Club. There will also be many terrific Kiwanis Workshops scheduled to help your club operate more efficiently. Please click on the following link for more information:  
<http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/vancouver-convention/home.aspx>

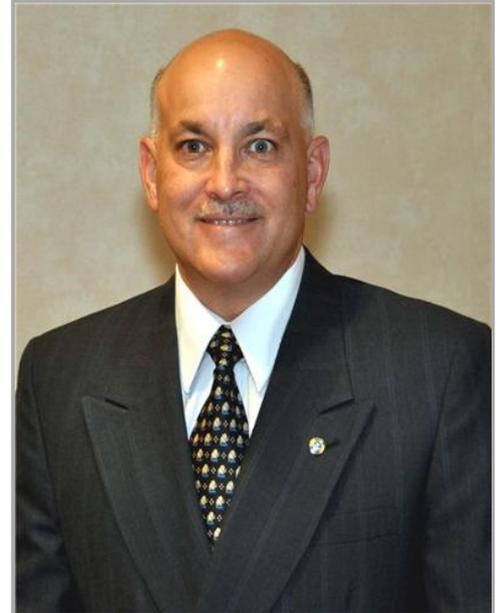
Dave Whiteman  
District Secretary

## Building Your Club One Brick at a Time

05/16/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Lyndon Thomas

Growing your Kiwanis Club is a lot like building a new building. You need a plan, resources, and flexibility along the way. There is no magic or instant solution to club growth. Instead, club growth is built one new member at a time just like a building is built one brick at a time.

The Timken Company is in the midst of a 160,000 sq foot expansion of our Technology Research Center. While working on this building project, I have learned five keys to success that can be applied to a club building project.



1. Develop a plan. The first step in our building project was to develop all of the drawings that defined both how we wanted the building to look and how the building will be built. What is the goal for your club growth plan? What are the tactics that you will use to achieve that goal? Step one is to develop and document your club's growth plan.
2. Devote the resources. Before the first shovel of dirt was moved, we set aside the resources need to complete our building project. As you developed your club growth plan, are there any resources that need to be purchased or activities that will need to be funded? Step two is to add the dollars needed into to your club's budget.
3. Assign the right people. We have all kinds of trades on site building our new building. Electricians, carpenters, plumbers, designers, and many more are needed to build our new building; each doing the job they are trained to do. Likewise, you need to get your club members involved in your membership growth plan working on the tasks that best match the skills they bring to your club.
4. Track progress. Each week we have a construction management meeting. In this meeting we review construction progress, problems, and priorities. We are always looking back at the plans developed in the first step to make sure we on track for timing, design, and budget. Plan your own "membership growth management" meetings where you can track the progress of your membership growth plan.
5. Stay flexible. Lights are backordered? The concrete steps were poured 1 foot east from what was documented? Even with the best plan, our project team has to be flexible and adjust as problems have been encountered during building construction. You too will need to make adjustments to your club growth plan as you progress.

At the beginning of our construction project, we all put in a lot of long hours without much visual to show for it. Some days we were discouraged. But now, as we get ready to move into the first floor, the new building has taken shape and looks great. We cannot wait to move in! As you grow your club, remember, you also might not see results right away. Developing the plan, devoting the resources, and assigning the right people all take time. But, don't become discouraged. Keep working your plan, track your progress, and make changes as needed and your club growth project will be successful.

Lyndon Thomas

## **Don't Miss the 56th Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing**

*05/14/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Flinta*



The Ohio Kiwanis Foundation and its golf committee are actively planning and excited for this summer's 56th Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing. The event is 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 your choice of July 17 or 18, 2013 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Canton, Ohio. Tam O'Shanter is located at 5055 Hills & Dales Road NW, Canton, very near 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 remains \$80.00 and 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. 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 (ODKF.org).

Please mark you 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 10, 2013. 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 (330) 253-5527 or Bill Flinta (330) 923-0454. Thanks for supporting this event. We look forward to seeing everyone in July.

Bill Flinta  
President  
Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

## **Iraq Conquers MNT! Mothers & Fathers Day MNT Efforts**

*05/13/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.*

Exciting news on the Eliminate Project continues to be presented, with Iraq being the latest country to Eliminate Maternal & Neonatal tetanus, and an overall fundraising goal of \$29 million = more lives being saved!

But Ohio will not rest on its laurels! Governor-elect Jennifer DeFrance is eager to promote the Eliminate project, stating recently to Lt. Governors-elect that her Eliminate goals include all clubs participating at some level; individual member participation at \$500 per member (paid over five years) and each division doing a divisional fundraiser.

So what are you doing for Mothers and Fathers Day gifts this year? The traditional candy and flowers for mom, and socks and tie for dad, are great, but wouldn't your dad or that special man in your family/your life, be proud that instead of "same old" gifts, you would ask yourself just how many lives you would like to save. If it is 10, then make a check to the Kiwanis International Foundation, memo line Eliminate project, and you have saved 18 lives; \$36.00 will save 20 lives and so on! This idea has been used very successfully by the Australia district and they are proud of the lives they have saved!

Finally be thinking about district convention and those gently used items, which are now being housed on the Eliminate table. To increase donations, your club should sign in with name and donations; one club name will be drawn and that club will have the funds raised donated to the Eliminate project in their name.



## **First Lady's Project Update**

*05/30/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Lee Ann Wallace*



It's almost summer, the snow is gone and warm weather is here. With warmer days we all head outside for fun and activities. The National Safe Kid's Campaign estimates that every year one in four kids 14 and younger will sustain an injury that requires some kind of medical attention. 40% of all injury-related ED visits and 42% of all injury deaths happen between May and August! The majority of these injuries and deaths can be prevented by educating ourselves and our children on how to stay safe while still enjoying the summer sunshine!

Never leave kids alone near the pool, not matter their age or swim capability! In 2006, more than 3,700 kids younger than 5 were injured in a near drowning, and more than 800 lost their life! Keep pool areas safe, install fencing around pools with a latching gate and even consider pool and gate alarms.

More than 200,000 kids visit ED's with playground injuries each year estimates the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Adult supervision and a little caution could have prevented the majority of these injuries! Check the playground equipment prior to using, making sure ropes and chains are secure, and the ground is covered with a protective surface to reduce the risk of head injury in a fall. Remove strings from hoodies and encourage closed toed shoes at play, as well as secure loose fitting clothing to prevent injury.

Nearly 300,000 kids suffer head injuries from bike related accidents! Helmets should be a must, for all family members! Be a role model! The entire family should be protected by wearing a helmet! Make sure the bike is a proper fit for the child, neither too big or too little. They need to be able to straddle the top bar of their bike with both feet on the ground with a 1-3 inch gap above the center bar.

Don't forget water or a sports drink on those hot and humid days, and don't neglect time in the shade or air-conditioning during the hottest part of the afternoon to prevent dehydration and overheating. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends drinking about every 20 minutes when active in the summer sun. Water and sports drinks are better than pop, juice and other fruit drinks. Kids are more susceptible to heat illnesses than adults because their central nervous system is not yet fully developed, thus strenuous activity can lead to dangerous overheating. And it goes without saying , never leave a child in a hot car, even with the windows cracked, even for just a few minutes!

And don't forget the sunscreen! Regardless of age and skin type, apply a water resistant sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB.

With a little preparation and common sense we can keep our kids safe and prevent pediatric trauma!

Thank you for your support of the First Lady's Project and the Ohio Kiwanis District's commitment to preventing and treating Pediatric Trauma! You are indeed, the Hands of Healing for the children of Ohio!

First Lady Lee Ann Wallace

**Circle K News from Governor Logan**

05/15/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Logan Otto CKI Governor

So far the district is doing well. According to our CKI directory, we have 20 clubs. The latest reports from the clubs show that we are definitely performing well with our service hours and other activities for this time of year. As you may know, this month has been finals month and therefore many students are busy. After finals comes summer break, which for most clubs is a time for planning fall activities. This is mainly due to the lack of students on campus in the summer.

Summer is also a time for our CKI district board to plan as well. Currently, the district board is facing a shortage of members. The board only has 2 of the 5 needed lieutenant governors, as well as no secretary, treasurer, or chairs. This has caused some delays on the board because that also means that there is more work for less people. As a board, we plan to increase members as well as holding our spring meeting in the next couple weeks. We hope to devise a plan for increasing club activity and membership, and also strategize on how we can build our district board.

Finally, as clubs or divisions, if you would like to have one of our board members speak at a meeting, please feel free to contact me (Governor Logan) and I will be sure to set that up with you.

Governor Logan Otto  
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## District Convention 2013

05/17/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bev Beery



**THE PLACE TO BE FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP,  
SERVICE AND EDUCATION**

Hope everyone has August 9th-12th on their calendars by now. Lima is preparing for a great time for all.

For those who want to come in a day early, on Thursday, August 8th, we will have a fun and relaxing afternoon of golf starting at 1:00 at Lost Creek Country Club. The cost for golf and cart will be \$22 per player. Dinner on your own afterwards can be had right at the golf course at a wonderful well known restaurant called Lock 16. It is a local favorite! Or eat at one of the many restaurants nearby.

Friday night we have planned a wonderful Chicken BBQ on the patio outside the Convention Center and Hotel along with Beach Boy type music. Afterwards you can walk next door to the Rally in the Square with great bands, walk a block to the Meeting Place for Open Mike Night and gourmet coffees and desserts, stop by The Met which is an

upscale wine bar or drive a few miles to the Limaland Speedway to witness some exciting race car driving.

As everyone comes to town for the fun, we also want to encourage every club to remember to bring a basket for the Basket Room. All proceeds from the auction of the baskets will benefit our First Lady's Project of supporting pediatric trauma and Project Eliminate. These can be dropped off on Friday between 2:00-5:00 or when you arrive on Saturday morning. We hope to see lots of baskets with a value of around \$50-\$100 and every club represented. We would prefer two \$50 baskets as opposed to one \$100 basket.

Our Service Project this year will be for Heartbeat of Lima which as a Pregnancy Resource Center offering Hope, Education and Resources for women and teens challenged by pregnancy and parenting. All of their services are offered free of charge. We are asking for diapers and baby wipes, infant clothing, baby shampoo and lotion, formula or you can make a monetary donation. This is a very well respected organization in our community and they are very excited to be the recipient this year of our giving.

So....in this Buckeye Bulletin we have covered fun, fellowship and service and next month we will share about the education that we have planned for all attendees. Lots of great workshops, sessions and topics!!

## **CLE 2013 and Online Registration**

*05/14/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dr. Dennis E. Lehman*

Club Leadership Education (CLE) has begun and is in full swing right now. We have had several successful CLE training sessions in various locations already. This year we are providing CLE "regionally" as opposed to previous years where the training was done within Divisions. A link has been provided on the District web site for you to download the CLE schedule with the locations and instructors listed.

Again CLE is required for all club President-elects. This is done for two reasons; to fulfill a requirement for a Distinguished Club, and also to help you to have a successful year for the President and the local Kiwanis club. Secretaries can fulfill their requirements at forums at Mid-year, District convention, or on-line with Kiwanis International. Kiwanis International is preparing new on-line training for secretaries which should be available by this summer. However, anyone can attend CLE at any location they choose. CLE is also offered on-line from Kiwanis International.



Once again this year there is on-line registration for each CLE session. This is important for us to know how many Kiwanians will be attending these sessions and to prepare properly. Even though we have on-line registration, we would also like the Lt. Gov.-elects to confirm how many Pres.-elects and others will be attending and where. Just go on-line to the Ohio District web site at [OhioKiwanis.org](http://OhioKiwanis.org) and click on the line for CLE registration. The registration form will appear and is easily filled out. Please attend one of the CLE training sessions and we will see you there.

The Ohio District and your Lt. Gov.-elects are providing excellent training for the Pres-elects to prepare them for their year as President of their clubs in 2013-14. We

encourage the Pres-elects to take advantage of this free education. The materials are supplied by Kiwanis International and the Ohio District. The Ohio District provides the Certified Instructors for the training. Attendance can be at any of the CLE sites to receive the same instruction and credit for attending. The CLE instruction is offered on Saturdays in May and June so check the Ohio web site and plan to attend.

Denny Lehman  
2013 Master Instructor

## Key Club Report

*05/17/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Natalie Hagy*



Greetings!

My name is Natalie Hagy and I am the 2013-2014 Ohio District Governor of Key Club International. I am currently a junior at Hilliard Davidson High School which is just outside of Columbus. Besides Key Club, I am also involved in orchestra, choir, a leadership program called Leaders Teaching Leaders, varsity tennis and National Honors. I was elected at this past District Convention on April 12th through the 14th at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. Our theme was "Make Service the STAR of the Show" and enjoyed a guest speaker, several forums and celebrated the past year of service by presenting awards to the Key Clubs.

As Governor, my goals are to increase communication between the District Board and the District by using all modes of communication, fill the vacant Lieutenant Governor positions and increasing attendance to Fall Rally and District Convention. A huge emphasis I would love to have this year is Key Club members to interact more with the Kiwanis clubs. Nothing makes stronger clubs and divisions than Key Clubs with great Kiwanis connections and I encourage all of you, Kiwanis, to start attending Key Club meetings, particularly of the clubs you sponsor, and invite them to attend your meetings as well.

I am extremely excited to work with all of you this year. Kiwanis is such a wonderful organization and I cannot wait to be a part of it when I am old enough. You promote service leadership to the young generations and you are extremely motivated to make an impact on this world by taking on such awesome projects such as IDD and the Eliminate Project. Without a doubt, the Eliminate Project too will be at the top of our list of priorities in the upcoming year.

I want to thank you all for taking your time to serve the community and change the world, one child and one community at a time.

Yours in Service,  
Natalie Hagy  
2013-2014 Ohio District Governor  
Key Club International

# Club News

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## Kirtland Kiwanis Building Service

*05/16/2013 - Club: Kirtland - Submitted by: John Bodmer*

In August, 2012 the Kiwanis Club of Kirtland prepared for a membership campaign. They realized that with an average age of just a bit 65 years, the club faced a challenge to provide their current community support in the next decade. 20 of its 51 members were 60 or older.



The club used one of their meetings in which to brainstorm. They wrote down and approved the names of Kirtland citizens which they thought would be good Kiwanians. The club planned a Kiwanis Education Meeting for October 18. In the mean time they went out and "just ask" some of these people to join the club.

While planning the October event, the club was able to induct 7 of these new members. The program in October consisted of the club sending a letter of introduction, a Kirtland Kiwanis Fact Sheet and a pre-posted return post card. The club received 50 of these cards marked in three ways. Three people had no interest, 17 people agreed to attend the meeting and 30 said that they would be interested in the future.

The meeting began with a social hour. Each prospect was recognized with a name tag, their name on a framed welcome sign, and of course a complimentary meal. A power point program was then shown explaining Kiwanis and its mission, followed with a list of some of the projects the club has done the past 50 years. Separate slides show some of these projects and were each explained by different club member.

The show ended with an explanation on what each member could expect and what they club did not expect them to do if they joined the club. That evening 4 additional members were added and as of May 4, 2013 the club has added 24 new members to its roster, an increase of 50%. Seven of these were family members and one corporate member, bringing the total to 74 members and reducing the average age below 60.

The remaining 30 "future prospects" will continue to be encouraged to become members of the Kiwanis Club of Kirtland, Ohio.

John Bodmer  
Club Membership Chair

## Berea Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt

*05/16/2013 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Cynthia Cekanski*

On March 30th the Berea Kiwanis held its 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt at Coe Lake. Hundreds of kids participated of all ages. Most spent time looking for the twelve golden eggs. There were ten big baskets donated by Cynthia Cekanski, and 2 grand prize winners both winning bikes donated by Andy Koha. Fun was had by all! All children had the opportunity to take picture with the Easter Bunny.



## **Baldwin Wallace University Hosts 2013 CKI SpOT Conference**

*05/16/2013 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Robin Gagnow*

2013 Spring Officers Training (SpOT) Conference was a big success. Clubs from 10 Circle K Executive Boards from Ohio spend the day at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio. The event was held at the Center for Innovation and Growth (CIG), which opened a few years ago.

Everyone had a great time learning about their new responsibilities and duties as club officers. Each club had an opportunity to participate in a club assessment and goal-setting for 2013-14 year. The event also provided the 45 CKI members a fun experience and opportunity to network with other clubs in Ohio.



After lunch, everyone had an opportunity to complete a service project. This year they made 10 hula hoops from scratch for Camp O'Bannon, near Columbus, Ohio.

A special thanks to SpOT Chairperson Maria Curcio, BW CKI President and her Executive Board and the Berea Kiwanis. A big thanks to Sarah Roush for all her support and guidance before and during the event.

## **K-Kids Raise Money for Homeless**

*05/15/2013 - Club: Medina - Submitted by: Nancy Abbott*

The K-Kids of Garfield Elementary School in Medina were conducting their official meeting while two of the officers were in the back of the room counting money. The



Garfield K-Kids held a bake sale and donated \$114.00 to Operation Homes, a program for the homeless in Medina County.

## **Successful Year for Muskingum University Circle K**

05/09/2013 - Club: Cambridge - Submitted by: Don Sigman

On Wednesday May 1, the Muskingum University Circle K Club celebrated a very successful year with a picnic at the farm of Cambridge Kiwanis Past President Gary Spring. Also in attendance were four members of the recently formed Guernsey Industries Aktion Club and nine members of the Cambridge Kiwanis Club including Circle K advisor Myra Enos, Division 18 Lt. Gov.-elect Don Sigman, new club member Steve Burke, President Kari Burke and President-elect LaDawn Spring.



## North Royalton Key Club Supports Eliminate Project

05/02/2013 - Club: North Royalton - Submitted by: Jodee Ward, The Eliminate Project DC



At North Royalton High School, it is a tradition to host a fund raiser every year. This year, Key Club and Student Government teamed up to help raise money for Kiwanis International's big project: ELIMINATE (to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus).

This fund raiser, the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, helped raise over \$600, thanks to a major help of the School's Student Body, the Kiwanis Club and the Community. Families were welcome to eat at the event, and those that could not, were welcome to do "take-out"! Roughly

200 people were served, leaving with happy faces and satisfied stomachs.

A few donations were made, including some from North Royalton's Police Officers. Not only did the delicious food satisfy everyone who attended, but the leftovers were taken to feed the North Royalton Fire Department, as a way to say a little "thank you" for all of their hard work in the community.

Background music, during the dinner, was provided by musicians Jacque & Bill Setny, both members of the North Royalton Kiwanis Club.

Overall, the spaghetti dinner was a tremendous success, and we are all excited to have contributed to the great cause of eliminating MNT.

Karolina Ulasevich, Key Club Vice President

PS. Through this and another fundraiser for The Eliminate Project, the North Royalton Key Club became a 1K club for this school year.